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GAUCHOS HOLD ON



TO HIGH School's Jerryck Owens-Murrey guards the ball from Northgate High's Ryan Clark during the North Coast Section basketball game in Berkeley on Saturday. The Gauchos came away with a 43-42 win to advance as the No. 4 seed in the Northern Regional Division III championship, where they posted a 57-53 win over Burlingame High School in the first round. For game see Sports, page C1.

Teachers bracing for layoff slips

■ Albany just one of many districts sending notices in wake of state budget crisis

By Kara Shire
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — School district officials are expecting a \$500,000 budget shortfall next school year, a grim prediction that triggered 60 layoff warnings to teachers and administrators this week.

It is unlikely all 58 teachers and two administrators who received notices will lose their jobs. But as a precaution district officials handed out pink slips to nearly a quarter of the teaching staff.

"What we hope is that the state cuts won't be that bad and most of these cuts are unnecessary," said school board President Miriam Walden.

According to state law, districts must alert teachers who may be laid off by Saturday.

As a result, school districts up and down the state are doling out thousands of pink slips while knowing little about how deep state education cuts ultimately will be.

The Acalanes, West Contra Costa, Oakland and Berkeley districts also are handing out layoff warnings.

West Contra Costa Unified School District sent notices this week to 48 percent of its teaching staff. In Oakland, some 1,056 teachers will get word this week that they could be laid off. Any actual layoffs must be made by May 15.

"It's important for people to realize that nobody that I know of on the school board is defending this process," Walden said.

"It's a horrible process. It's horrible for the teachers who have to go through all this uncertainty, and it's horrible for our schools who can't afford to lose anyone."

Albany school board members have not yet decided which programs would be affected by the possible budget reductions. Cuts to classified staff, such as custodians and school clerks, also are possible but do not require the same notice period.

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News station scopes out potential stories

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Residents of the diversity of events in the city during the week of March 14, 2003, are being scouted by KGO-TV 7 news, which came to El Cerrito to hear ideas about stories that would be featured on the station during the week.

At the meeting, a community program of KGO-TV 7 news, came to El Cerrito to hear ideas about stories that would be featured on the station during the week.

The meeting was to go out and listen to residents in different parts of the Bay Area to find stories instead of just reacting when a story breaks. The program, which began a year ago, has come to 12 cities, in addition to El Cerrito.

"We're figuring it will probably take us five years to get around the entire Bay Area," said Ginny Yamate, director of public affairs for KGO-TV.

The ideas at the meeting were diverse, ranging from city problems, to school-related issues and inspirational stories.

Several residents mentioned the city's creeks and the environment.

Apple Sostak pointed to the recent acquisition of a piece of land by the city with the help of a community group on the northeast side of San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito that will be turned into a park. A workshop on what the park should look like will be held May 3, she said.

Deborah DiFrancia of the Friends of El Cerrito Trees, said the group is having a tree-planting party on March 22 on Richmond Street. The group hopes the city can have more money for planting trees or replacing cut trees, she said.

Joann Steck-Bayat brought up El Cerrito's community events, including its annual Relay for Life walk-a-thon, which raises thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society, as well as the city's long-running Martin Luther King Junior Parade and Earth Day Celebrations.

Bea O'Keefe pointed out the city's Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Team, which helps neighbors get to know each other while preparing for calamities.

"In an urban environment, we have established a sense of community, which is extremely important," O'Keefe said.

Jim Montgomery brought up the city's Crime Prevention Committee, which sponsors anti-crime prevention programs for adults and children and home-security inspections, among other programs.

Several residents brought up school and children: One man

Civic center high on El Cerrito wish list

■ In setting its priorities the City Council also wants to focus on San Pablo Ave.

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A new civic center, continued San Pablo Avenue redevelopment efforts and more communication with city staff are top priorities for the City Council.

The council met to set goals on Saturday, March 8, as it does annually. Goal-setting meetings are intended to focus on the future, not on solving current problems. Facilitator Royleen White kept the meeting on track, writing ideas and suggestions on large sheets of paper.

Councilmembers reiterated their desire for the city to work on building a new civic center. The current El Cerrito City Hall has been in trailers at Manila and San Pablo avenues for more than a decade.

The council will discuss civic center conceptual site plans and possible funding sources at its regular April 7 meeting, said City Manager Scott Hanin.

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New generation carries step dancing tradition

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

(an ancient Gaelic pronounced "Any") is a 9-year-old girl who is among those spearheading the expansion in traditional step dancing.

and her cohorts — in Carme Bergen, 10, and Polly of Berkeley; Polly of Richmond; and Oak Mary Clapp, 10, Emily, 9, Annie Woelffer, 10, Amberling, 9, Rebecca, 8, Robert Chappelle, 8, Erin and Colleen McEwen, 7, respectively — are more often at the East and North and practice the intricate steps and jumps.

and grace

would make the Lord of the Dance himself green with Celtic pride, if not envy.

And their teacher, Annie McBride, can pinpoint the exact moment this explosion took off: March 17, 1994, the day "Riverdance" first appeared on television and took the dancing world by storm.

Before and after

"Everything is either 'before Riverdance' or 'after Riverdance,'" she says in a lilting brogue. "Before, I'd be lucky to get a couple of hundred people at our annual feis ('fesh,' Gaelic for dancing festival). Now I get more than 1,200. And the overwhelming majority are young'uns."

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IRISH STEP-DANCERS at the McBride School in the Glenview Center for the Performing Arts prepare for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day performance at the El Cerrito Eagles Club.

Two new police staffers to help process records

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The City Council has given the police chief the option of hiring two extra people to help process records, in part because reported crimes and other police calls have increased.

The six-person records staff also is down because two employees have left temporarily. So Police Chief Scott Kirkland had requested the "overhiring" of two positions. The records department keeps track of police reports, arrests, property, evidence and more.

The City Council authorized Kirkland's request March 3 to begin the months-long hiring

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IN BRIEF

Albany

Cal coach is parade's grand marshal

The 48th Annual Opening Day Youth Baseball Parade will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 29 on Solano Avenue. The parade's grand marshal will be former UC Berkeley baseball coach Bob Milano, the most winning coach in the history of the team.

Accompanying Youth Baseball's Opening Day Parade will be The California Repercussions, a world-famous marching band playing traditional band music and rock 'n roll.

For more information, call 510-525-1771.

Stories and more featured at Toddler Time

Registration is open for Toddler Time at the Albany Library. Children 18 months to 3 years with an accompanying adult are invited to a program of stories, fingerplays and songs. The program begins March 13 and continues through the end of April. For registration and information contact the Library's Children's Desk at 526-3720, ext. 6.

Preschool Storytimes continues on Saturday mornings in March and April at 11 a.m. at the Albany Library. Children 3 - 6 years are welcome to a program of stories and films. No registration required. For more details contact the Children's Desk at 526-3720, ext. 6.

Baseball program holds a fund-raiser

The Albany High School Baseball Boosters are sponsoring the Cougar Golf Classic, a fund-raising event to benefit the Albany High School Baseball Program on Sunday, April 27, at the Tilden Park Public Golf Course. Golfers of various levels are welcome. The Cougar Golf Classic will use a Scramble format, and golfers will play best ball. The cost is \$125 per golfer. Price includes green fees, cart, prizes and dinner. Early registration is encouraged to secure space.

For information, call 510-525-2608, or e-mail Golf4AHSBaseball@aol.com. Checks payable to AHS Baseball Boosters can be sent to: Cougar Golf Classic C/O P.O. Box 6007, Albany, CA 94706.

Berkeley

Screening benefits humanitarian curriculum

"From Swastika to Jim Crow," a documentary about Jewish refugees who taught at America's black colleges, will be shown from 7 to 10 p.m., Saturday, March 22, at St. John's Presbyterian Church Sanctuary, 2727 College Ave. Tickets are \$10 to \$20. The screening benefits the humanitarian curriculum of Community School of the East Bay, an independent middle school in Berkeley. For more information, call 510-649-0505.

El Cerrito

Parks and rec will pick up regional award

The city's parks and recreation department will receive an award of excellence from the California Park & Recreation Society during a conference next week.

For its Senior Access Technology program at the Open House Senior Center, the department was recognized in a category that covers recreation, community services, personal development and health and wellness for cities of comparable size.

As an award-winning agency, the parks and recreation department has been invited to participate in a "Best of the Best" educational session at the conference, which will be held March 19-22 in San Jose. The Senior Access Technology program coordinator is Janet Bilbas. For information on the program, call 510-215-4340.

Madera gets historical for fund-raiser

"Medieval Madness" is the theme for Madera Elementary School's biggest fund-raiser of the year: the annual Madera Auction to be held from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 5, at Mira Vista Country Club.

The auction is a chance to bid on services and products from supporting merchants across the Bay Area, from Solano Avenue restaurants to the San Francisco Opera, a week in Hawaii, tickets to Giants and Cal games, and ski packages at Sierra at Tahoe. Bids start at half the retail value, and all proceeds directly benefit the enrichment programs that are unique to Madera, from computer lab to vocal music to science.

Tickets are \$20 (\$25 at the door) and cover complimentary wine and beer, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and homemade dessert. To order tickets, send a check made out to Madera PTA, care of Madera Elementary, 8500 Madera Drive, El Cerrito.

Fairmont schedules kindergarten intro

Fairmont Elementary School will hold kindergarten tours from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 18. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 8:30 a.m., followed by an introduction by the principal at 8:45 a.m. A tour of the kindergarten classrooms and school facilities will be held from 9 to 9:45 a.m., followed by a question and answer session from 9:45 to 10 a.m. The school is located at 724 Kearney St. To make a reservation, call 510-525-5235.

Demos will hear about "rogue states"

The El Cerrito Democratic Club's March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25th, 7:30 P.M. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. The meeting room is at the back of the church on the parking lot level.

The speaker will be Nathan Britton, the Northern California political director for California Peace Action. He will address the war on terrorism, the military budget, dealing with "rogue states" and national security.

ALBANY POLICE

Monday, March 3

- **ROBBERY** — An Albany boy reported that he was robbed while on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard and was able to identify the thief. Officers contacted and arrested a 14-year-old Albany boy for the assault.
- **VEHICLE VANDALISM** — Vandals smashed the rear window of a silver Subaru Forester parked on the 700 block of Carmel Avenue.
- **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Shortly before midnight Officers stopped a blue '88 Ford Escort on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 29-year-old San Francisco man for an outstanding warrant and towed the vehicle.

Tuesday, March 4

- **DUI** — At about 2:30 a.m. Officers stopped a white '90 Dodge van near Masonic Avenue and Dartmouth Street for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 43-year-old Berkeley man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested.
- **VEHICLE THEFT** — During the night thieves stole a green '98 Honda Civic that was parked on the 1000 block of Neilson Street.
- **MAILBOX BREAK-IN** — A resident on the 400 block of Stannage Avenue reported her mailbox was burgled.
- **HIT AND RUN** — At about 3:30 p.m. an Albany resident reported that a male driver in a silver '90 Nissan Pathfinder had just hit a car parked on the 1000 block of Santa Fe Avenue and had fled the scene. The resident was able to give officers a description and the car license number. At about 5 p.m. that day officers located the driver, a 22-year-old Albany man, on the 800 block of Masonic Avenue. He was arrested for hit-and-run.

Wednesday, March 5

EL CERRITO POLICE

Thursday, Feb. 27

- **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — The stereo was taken from a vehicle on the 10200 block of San Pablo Avenue between Feb. 27 and the next day. The vehicle's window was smashed.

Saturday, March 1

- **THEFT** — It was reported at 7:45 p.m. that a woman's ex-boyfriend forcibly stole the woman's purse, which contained \$200, on the 5200 block of Potrero Avenue. The man also grabbed the woman around the neck and bit her cheek.
- **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A stereo was taken from a vehicle the 500 block of Colusa Avenue between 10 p.m. on Feb. 28 and 2:15 p.m. on March 1.
- **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1985 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 5900 block of San Diego Street between 10:45 p.m. on March 1 and 10 a.m. the next day.
- **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1987 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 7200 block of Stockton Avenue sometime between 6:45 and 7:45 p.m.
- **BURGLARY** — A leaf blower and power washer worth a total of \$500 were stolen from a storage shed at El Cerrito Plaza between 5 p.m. on Feb. 28 and 7:30 a.m. on March 1.
- **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1989 Honda Accord was recovered on the 5300 block of Cypress Avenue at 9 p.m. The vehicle had been reported stolen to the Oakland Police Department on March 1.

Sunday, March 2

- **SHOPLIFTING** — A 32-year-old Richmond woman was arrested on suspicion of attempting to shoplift at Walgreens at 4:20 p.m. The woman attempted to walk out with items she concealed while in a bathroom. Police also found the woman to be in possession of methamphetamine.

- **NO LICENSE** — Officers stopped a gray '86 Honda Accord on the 900 block of Taylor Street not having license plates. The driver, a 17-year-old Oakland boy, did not have a proper driver's license. He was cited and his car was towed.

Thursday, March 6

- **DUI** — At about 2:30 a.m. officers stopped an '89 Mazda near Fairmont and Carlson Avenues for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 29-year-old Pt. Richmond man, was found to be intoxicated and arrested for DUI.
- **VEHICLE VANDALISM** — A resident on the 600 block of Cornell Avenue reported that during the night thieves smashed the front passenger window of his white Honda Civic and stole the stereo. Thieves also broke into a white '92 Honda Acura parked on the 1000 block of Ramona Avenue and stole the in-dash stereo.
- **VEHICLE THEFTS** — During the night thieves stole a '95 Honda Prelude parked on the 500 block of Jackson Street. During the day thieves broke into a maroon '88 Honda Acura parked near West Place and Posen Street. Vandals smashed the windshield of a green '98 Toyota Camry parked on the 500 block of Adams Street.
- **CONCEALED WEAPON** — Shortly before midnight officers contacted a group of juveniles who were hanging around near Garfield Street and Kains Avenue. They arrested an 18-year-old Richmond man for carrying a concealed gun.

Friday, March 7

- **THEFT** — A resident reported that while at the Albany High School baseball field a group of males wearing all black clothing took her son's baseball glove and one was observed carrying a switchblade-type knife. Friends of the boy were able to retrieve the boy's

glove. Officers contacted and arrested a 15-year-old Albany boy for possession of a weapon. He was transported to Alta Bates Hospital.

Saturday, March 8

VEHICLE FOUND — At about 6:30 p.m. a woman reported that her green '94 Toyota Camry had been stolen from the upper valet parking lot at Golden Gate Fields. She gave officers the exact location of where she had parked it and said the valet still had her keys. At about 10 p.m. Golden Gate Fields security called to report that the woman had located her car in a different part of the parking lot.

Sunday, March 9

- **VEHICLE STOLEN** — Shortly after midnight a Fremont woman reported that thieves had stolen her red '98 Acura Integra parked in a visitor's parking space at 555 Pierce St.
- **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A resident on the 500 block of Pomona Avenue reported that thieves had broken into his silver Subaru and stolen various items from inside.
- **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Officers contacted a couple in a white '80 Chevrolet pickup parked in the north lot of Golden Gate Fields. They arrested the 41-year-old Hercules man for an outstanding San Mateo warrant in the amount of \$2,500.

Monday, March 10

- **DUI** — At about 1:30 a.m. officers stopped a gray '98 Dodge Caravan near Washington and Neilson Avenues for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 34-year-old Antioch woman, was found to be intoxicated and officers detected a strong odor of marijuana in the vehicle. She failed the Field Sobriety Test and was arrested for DUI and possession of

drugs. **VEHICLE THEFT** — The 700 block of Jackson Street reported that during the night thieves had stolen a white '83 Volvo 740 GLE from his home. He told officers he had left the keys in the car. **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Night thieves broke into a Honda Civic that was parked at 555 Pierce Street. **BREAK-IN** — Three residents on the 1000 block of Land Avenue during the

Summit

During the week of March 10, four cars were towed four cars. Officers arrested a 15-year-old male, a 16-year-old male, and a 17-year-old male. Officers responded to a call for a stolen car and responded to a call for a stolen car. Officers responded to a call for a stolen car and responded to a call for a stolen car. Officers responded to a call for a stolen car and responded to a call for a stolen car.

Police warn of identity theft scam

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER
EL CERRITO — Warning residents of identity theft scams after they received flowers from a stranger.

The flower delivery both made and March 3:15 p.m. on the Arlington Boulevard. At 4 p.m. on the 1800 Brewster Court. They received unexpected calls from a man who sports utility vehicles later discovered that they were not sent from the man they were.

Police suspect the theft case because the license and signature showed the man's identity and signature could be used to obtain credit in the victim's name. "My inclination is kind of identity theft," said El Cerrito Police Officer Claitt. "But at this early to figure that out."

Claitt said residents never provide personal information over the phone. Through the Internet, he knows who they're talking to. If there's suspicion, he'll deliver a person, ask for identification, and identify them on the spot. Claitt added that should deposit open a post office collection the post office and be collected as soon as possible. Claitt said identifying coming easier and more lenient and people should be more careful. "If someone takes information from you, don't know who they are, don't give them advice is to say 'No.' Hang up the phone," he said. The El Cerrito Police Department can be reached at 4400.

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DIMENSIONS OF THE UC BERKELEY 2020 LRDP

UC Berkeley invites you to attend either of two public information sessions in March, presenting the scope and key issues for our 2020 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP).

DATES & VENUES

Monday March 10, 2003

7:00 to 9:00 PM
Krutch Theater
Clark Kerr Campus
2602 Waring St, Berkeley

Thursday March 13, 2003

7:00 to 9:00 PM
North Berkeley
Senior Center
1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley

RESOURCES

Strategic Academic Plan
<http://spc.wcl.berkeley.edu/document/academic/strategicplan.pdf>

New Century Plan

<http://www.cp.berkeley.edu>

Economic Impact Study

<http://www.berkeley.edu/econimpact>

City of Berkeley General Plan

<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/planning/advance/generalplan/intro.html>

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Both meetings will be conducted in an informal, open house format. You may attend all or any part of the evening. A brief presentation on the dimensions of the 2020 LRDP will be offered at 7:30 and again at 8:30.

A conceptual foundation for the 2020 LRDP is established in two campus documents prepared by campus faculty, students and staff. The Strategic Academic Plan outlines the key challenges the campus faces in sustaining and promoting academic excellence, and recommends principles and initiatives to address those challenges. The New Century Plan builds upon the Academic Plan, with policies and initiatives to guide the campus' physical development. Both documents are viewable on the web (see sidebar).

Future campus projects located outside the Core Campus or Hill Campus, but within the City of Berkeley, will follow LRDP policies informed by the City of Berkeley General Plan (see sidebar for web address). Each future project will also be planned to respect and enhance the synergy of campus and city, including the cultural and economic vitality of the campus environs. A recent study of the campus' contributions to the local and regional economy. Building the Bay Area's Future: A Study of the Economic Impact of UC Berkeley, is viewable on the web (see sidebar).

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) assessing the effects of the 2020 LRDP will serve as the baseline for future reviews and approvals of individual capital projects implementing the LRDP. A Notice of Preparation for the 2020 LRDP EIR will be published later this year, followed by formal public scoping workshops.

A mailing list for CEQA notices about the 2020 LRDP is maintained by UC Berkeley Capital Projects. To have your name placed on this list, please contact Capital Projects at 643-0313, or by email to jlawrence@cp.berkeley.edu.

How will the future development of the campus affect the physical environment of our neighbors and the community? Please come and share your thoughts and concerns with campus representatives on March 10 or 13.

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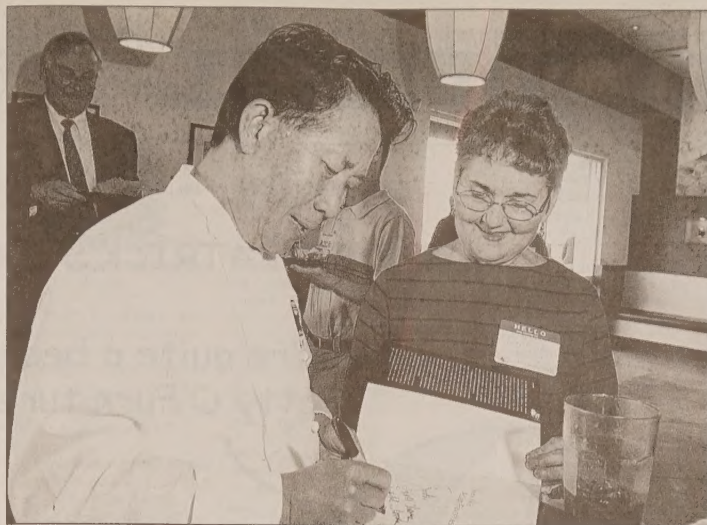
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Haiku, stories updated, and great French food

ONLY TWO MORE days to enter the first annual "Haiku in Berkeley" contest, sponsored by the Berkeley Public Library. Just drop your entry at any branch by the close of day tomorrow. Entries must be written, on audiotape or in Braille. And if they're not in English, please supply a translation.

And, of course, no plagiarism allowed. "If we discover that you have 'borrowed' someone else's haiku, you will be disqualified," warns the official entry form. "Remember, we are librarians. We can figure this out!"

Update on Gina Niemeier, the waitress at Walker's Pie Shop in Albany who is battling a rare form of cancer called mesothelioma: She had another surgery on Feb. 20 and is out of ICU. If you want to send her your best wishes and encouragement, her e-mail address is g.niemeier@worldnet.att.net.

Meanwhile, Walker's — which has always prided itself on changing as little as possible — has added a new item to the children's menu: pizza.

At first, owner Jorge Sandoval bought the pizza sauce and dough from a company with a great reputation. But when he put the pizza together, it got the thumbs-down from an expert: his 6-year-old daughter, Emmili.

So he tried experimenting with his own ingredients. After a lot of trial and error, he assembled a new pizza and tried it out on Emmili. She sniffed it, tasted it, and pronounced it worthy. "This is going to be good," she said. "It smells and tastes like the ones from a real pizza place!"

Gas prices getting you down? Do what Karen Selkyle, the librarian at the Berkeley Montessori School, does. She's paying only about a quarter of what you're paying because she drives a car — an '85 Volkswagen Jetta — that runs on used vegetable oil. (It turns out that any diesel engine can run on bio-mass, of which vegetable oil is the main ingredient.)

Specifically, she uses vegetable oil from Gregoire, the yummy new upscale epicurean French take-out restaurant in Berkeley's Gourmet Ghetto. "They have the best-smelling vegetable oil in town," she explains. And her students concur. "Her car smells like French



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

fries," says fifth-grader Henry Walton.

Incidentally, Gregoire owner Gregoire Jacquet has befriended two homeless men named Ngabo and Etienne. It all started a few months ago, when he discovered that they both speak fluent French. So on the last day of every month, he treats them to a five-course gourmet meal. And they treat him to some good conversation in his native language, which reminds him of home.

Remember Red Holskil, the double amputee whose friends at the Mel-O-Dee Lounge in El Cerrito chipped in and surprised him with a motorized wheelchair to replace his old hand-powered model?

I ran into one of his friends, Rita Smith, on Solano Avenue last week, and she told me that thanks to his new wheelchair, Holskil can now do something he hasn't been able to do for years: walk his dog, Tiny.

"You can see them all the time at Pastime Hardware and El Cerrito Plaza," she says. "They're inseparable. It's made a huge difference in both their lives."

Correction: I gave the wrong e-mail address last week for Linda Schneider, the Albany piano teacher who also teaches etiquette to little kids. Her real address is lindschneid@aol.com. Sorry, Linda. How rude!

And finally, remember Rabbi Yehuda Ferris, the Orthodox rabbi who met his wife through a traditional Jewish matchmaker? I forgot to mention that he has the world's greatest business card. It reads, "We're here for you, 24/6."

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

New El Cerrito librarian's focus won't be divided

The El Cerrito Library has its own librarian, which doesn't sound remarkable but hasn't been the case for some time.

For some time the El Cerrito Library was shared by librarians with other libraries. Then, recently, Contra Costa County decided to re-examine the one-library, one-librarian status. The El Cerritos librarians were disappointed but understanding when librarian Laura Montenegro went to Pinole, where, of course, is a bigger and bigger, busier li-

brary. They have their own librarian, Laura Montenegro, who has only been there two months, but she already has dreams and plans for many, which she loves. Montenegro has worked for libraries before. She has adult services librarian, part-time, when a full-time position opened in Orinda. She was there for a year when the library's acting branch head was on leave.

Will she be permanent? She doesn't know. The county budgeting with all others in town, has stalled, and no decisions are anticipated. Montenegro is working



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

here without thinking of possible change. As noted, she has dreams and plans for the library. There has been talk for some time of building a larger library/community center in El Cerrito, somewhat in the style of Albany's facility. And Laura has great plans for that when it happens.

She is anxious to improve the collection with more up-to-date material, including books, books on tape, DVDs, Spanish and Chinese language materials, etc.

"Really, everything we have," she says. "I would like to expand our programs, having a lot of children's programs, story times, things like that."

She notes that there has already been working on the adult program, and she would like to add more speakers, possibly a poetry program, that

sort of thing.

There already are classes on using the Internet, searching the catalog, etc., and she feels those are really needed. "It is important that we not leave behind people who did not grow up with computers, to reach out to people, who it was trying to do with our classes."

She speaks wistfully of the possible new library, with more room and a better collection, to bring in people who otherwise would not visit. She also talks about working with other groups in the community, and with students. Some high school students did volunteer work recently and it was a good deal for them and for the library. She would also like to have a tutoring center, with peer tutoring, and a place for home work for the students.

Martino has one dream which is all her own: She would like to start a small business resource center in the library.

"There are so many small businesses in El Cerrito. I would like to have counseling: how to set up a business plan, how to apply for government loans. We would need materials and meeting space, and we

could do it."

Laura Martino was born in Massachusetts, and was 6 when her dad got transferred to California. She grew up in Los Altos, attended Cal Poly and the University of Denver, graduating in life sciences. After a job in Portland, Ore., she moved back to the Bay Area, worked in San Bruno and met and married David Montgomery, a software engineer.

They moved to Maryland when David was accepted by the university for graduate work. After seven years there, working in the Montgomery City library, they moved back here about two years ago, and soon bought their home in El Cerrito. A job with the El Cerrito library was a dream come true.

We hope many of her other dreams will come true, also.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

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BART will provide special Saturday service Saturday for rallygoers traveling to the peace rally in San Francisco.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Educationally fallen

TWENTY YEARS AFTER THE shocking revelation that our education system is not turning out the brightest people in the world, we're more than a nation at risk. We're a nation in deep distress; we have fallen and it remains to be seen whether we can get up.

The Nation at Risk report revealed that American students could not hold their own in science and math with other industrialized nations' middle- and high-schoolers. Their scores were near the bottom.

That was 20 years ago. America reacted, perhaps frantically. We have pinpointed problems in the teaching profession — without being able to fix them. We can point to disparities among schools — without being able to vanquish them. And reforms were implemented, but success has been minuscule at best.

Although it was called propaganda, lies and half-truths exaggerated by the news media, the report seems to have gotten it right. The scores are still low; too much of the American population is undereducated. Something remains amiss in our education system.

Damage has been done. The nation is in a low place. Nearly two generations have gone through this warped system and are poorly educated. But we ignore their problems and the problems of the next generation as we fight over things that are essentially trivial, such as phonics vs. whole language reading.

Reform has had its moments — more money thrown at various problems, the teaching profession examined, facility and supply issues discussed, methods and standardization debated — but primarily it hasn't been able to sustain focus. It's come up against a system resistant and fearful of change. And it has been unable to reap substantial benefits because education has ceased being about schools, teaching and children and is instead a political entity, a game, a buzzword. Talk is big in politics, but actions — positive ones, at least — are few.

And American society suffers. The results of poor education are apparent in the quality of our politics, our popular culture, our economy. It is apparent when we see corporations seek graduates from other nations instead of American graduates, who simply don't have the needed level of technological competency.

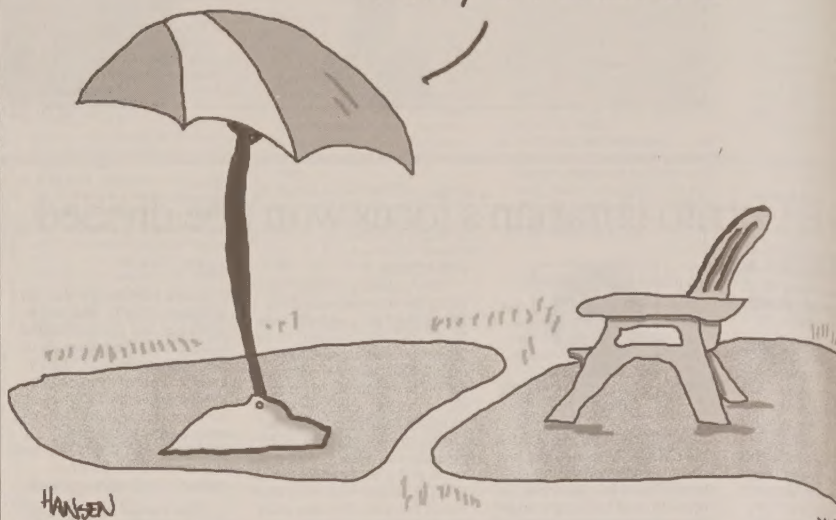
Sadly, the sense of urgency that was a weight upon us has lifted. Twenty years is a long time to keep beating the drum for change, and many people have learned to block out the sound. Perhaps we need to try a new tune, a new instrument, because too many people suffer when education suffers. The reform needs to change hands. People, parents and communities need to be more involved than politicians and unions. And we must face it: A broken system may need more than patches and jury-rigging.

Education failures divide a nation and make it more one of haves and have-nots, one of separate and unequal. When the education system crumbles, all are affected, hence the phrase *a nation at risk*. We didn't heed the warning; now we as a nation have to find a way to pull ourselves up from this pit that is lower than mediocrity.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let's take our city back

I am writing to express my concern over increasing criminal and nuisance elements in El Cerrito.

I have been deeply disturbed over the recurring gang graffiti and "tagging" along the Ohlone Greenway, as well as the roving bands of obnoxious juveniles that seem to go unchecked during school and late evening hours.

These issues, coupled with the growing presence of beggars, derelicts and drunks at El Cerrito Plaza, and the recent rape of a blind woman by a suspect later released by an unjust court system to further prey upon El Cerrito residents, have left me with a very bad taste in my mouth.

It seems to me that if crime is going to rise in El Cerrito, unchecked by city and county officials, then it remains the duty and responsibility of us residents to defend ourselves, our neighbors and our community, by any means necessary.

Indeed, the safety and security of a nation — and by extension, a community — must be in the hands of its citizens rather than left in the hands of a bureaucratic legal machine that makes victims out of criminals.

In an age where people cannot walk the streets of their own city without the risk of being harassed by some criminal, the price of freedom is solidarity through vigilance. The time has come to make a stand and take our city back.

If we don't do it soon, we need only look to the crime-infested slums of some Bay Area cities to see our future.

K.S. Anthony
El Cerrito

Shocking admission

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District stated it does not know what is coming from Chevron's flares because

Chevron, the biggest refinery, hasn't measured it!

Yet, the other refineries have managed to measure theirs so they can reduce the hazardous stuff coming out.

Over the years, the flares at Chevron have lit up North Richmond at night, while residents complain bitterly about night air and asthma. I have wondered if some of what they are flaring is what used to come out of the hazardous incinerator and blew on the playground at Peres School — and the neighborhood — until public complaints got it closed.

Industrial carcinogens have offended me for many years but I found this admission by the air board shocking.

So it is now 22 tons per day, plus whatever Chevron discharges.

Jean Siri
El Cerrito

U.N. is the only hope

As patriotic citizens of this country, we urge President Bush and our congressional representatives to seek peace and justice in Iraq through the United Nations.

We must work with other nations to reach a solution to our world conflicts. To paraphrase Martin Luther King Jr., if mankind does not learn to abolish war,

war will abolish mankind.

The technologies and weapons of the United Nations — doing so in a creative and collaborative manner. Our country needs to support the United Nations wholeheartedly, as this body remains the only salvation for peace and justice.

We beg Bush to work through the United Nations — doing so in a creative and collaborative manner. Our country needs to support the United Nations wholeheartedly, as this body remains the only salvation for peace and justice.

Are we the enemy?

The United States has the greatest military. The best ships, airplanes, generals, colonels, captains, lieutenants, sergeants, infantry, etc. So let's test every weapon out and see if our war machine is good.

We took out Afghanistan. Let's take out Iraq. Should only take a month or two. Then we can occupy their country and pump out oil until it's all gone. That is in our national interest? Go get our SUVs going.

Also, after taking out Iraq (probably by June), we should do a preemptive strike on North Korea — nuclear course. George W. and his team must advocate preemptive nuclear strikes in our national interest, so it's OK.

Unfortunately, there are domestic war bombs the hell out of these countries maybe we are the terrorists. We bomb the enemy, and it is us! Another side is all those dead civilians (only collateral damage, right?). We can "Sorry about that."

We will be hated by the rest of the world and terrorism will increase. Increase. Oh well, things can't be perfect.

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By Paul Rockwell

CORRESPONDENT

Reese Erlich, Oakland-based foreign correspondent, and Norman Solomon, America's best-known progressive media critic, returned from Iraq a few months ago. Their new book, "Target Iraq: What the News Media Didn't Tell You," examines the role of the U.S. mainstream media in promoting war and empire. The Pentagon and the press are, Solomon says, co-producers of illusion.

In plain, conversational language, we get a glimpse of the media in relation to many issues: the brutality and inhumanity of U.S.-British sanctions in Iraq (more than 500,000 children have died from sanction-produced disease and malnutrition, according to UNICEF); false claims that Saddam Hussein kicked out U.N. inspectors, when they were actually withdrawn during Clinton's air-blitz called "Operation Desert Fox";

BOOK REVIEW

"Target Iraq: What the News Media Didn't Tell You," by Reese Erlich and Norman Solomon (Context Books, 208 pages, \$10.95)

the tragic aftermath of depleted uranium use in the First Gulf War; the back-room deals at the Security Council, where U.S. officials bribe and blackmail U.N. delegates for votes; the slippery standards in the interpretation of terrorism and political violence; U.S. espionage under cover of impartial U.N. inspections; the militaristic record of the "moderate" Colin Powell; and the imperial premises that underlie media coverage of world affairs.

"Target Iraq" is not about any media conspiracy. It contains no personal attacks on working journalists. On the contrary, Erlich describes the huge pressures — the rewards and

punishments, and the rigorous military censorship — under which mainstream journalists are forced to work. The book is really about the ideology of empire in American journalism, the structure that sustains it, and the human consequences of war propaganda.

In response to the glorification of high-tech weaponry on our nightly screens, the authors present a fascinating chapter entitled: "Depleted Uranium: America's Dirty Little Secret," where Erlich uncovers the environmental toll of America's celebrated weapons. Much of U.S. ammunition and armor is made with depleted uranium, radioactive material that may well disable U.S. veterans and Iraqi civilians years after wars are over.

Depleted uranium is a residue collected from the processing of nuclear fuel. It is much denser than lead, and it remains radioactive for billions

of years. Iraqi doctors and scientists attribute deaths of disease and birth defects to U.S. and British weapons from the First Gulf War.

It is ironic that in targeting Iraq is framed in terms of human rights and arms proliferation, the same ground for new technologies of death.

A moving preface by Zinn, an afterward by Penn, combined with the lyric power of the author's "Target Iraq" a timely And the conversation it's like having a cup with the authors, who turned from Iraq — information about the costs of war and propaganda the more convincing.

Paul Rockwell is a columnist at the Albany and a freelance writer. Contact him at rockyspad@earthlink.net

Cross-grade collaboration helps students' learning

PORTOLA 40 high school students descended on El Cerrito Elementary School on Tuesday. If that image doesn't make you nervous, you've never seen this crowd.

Students, led by El Cerrito High science teacher Betty King Buginas, were armed with "space phones" with a cord running between them, like the bobs that bob their head in water, a silver ball with your hair stand on end, and another that flashes when you touch it.

Thursday, they shared their families the launching an air-powder, of mixing chemistry to make a clear, substance that — well, it was called slime but it looked like the goo of a sneezing fit.

And older played music by banging plastic different lengths on a stand and used a hand-powered generator to light light bulbs.

And about big kids teaching kids, but the adults try about trying out activities and learning a few, too. As important was the excitement of inquiry, all ages had fun.

It was a model of collaborating different ages, between school and family and between the school and the community (as evidenced by a grant from Contra Costa Public Library).

The same week, I had observed several other activities at our school. We've started a buddies program under the guidance of El Cerrito Developmental Center.

When divide themselves into level, probably because adults divide them. The buddies program was a chance to form relationships across ages while learning together.

Across America Day, a celebration of reading on or near the March 14th of Dr. Seuss (cele-



BETTY KING BUGINAS
Schools

brated March 3 this year) was a big day for getting together with buddies at our school. There were cross-grade groups reading, making posters of favorite Dr. Seuss books, and eating green eggs and ham together.

As I was leaving school later in the week, I saw second- and fifth-grade buddies having a great time launching paper helicopters from a raised walkway.

Last year, I taught a class with a mix of two grade levels of students, always a challenging situation, but becoming more so as the state and districts are getting stricter about students at each grade level receiving instruction based on standards specific to that grade.

One of the benefits, though, was how the students helped each other. Older students helped younger students, but it also carried over to students who helped other students of the same grade level.

Friendships and partnerships for schoolwork formed across the two grade levels and, frankly, it was the parents who had the hardest time with the idea of having two grades together in one room.

For three years in a row, drama students from Portola Middle School came to our school to perform works by children's authors, and their performances rivaled the professional assemblies in popularity, quality and educational benefit.

The support from El Cerrito High hasn't been limited to the once-a-year science night, either. High-school science students have prepared and delivered lessons to most classes at our school.

There are many more opportunities for cross-grade efforts we haven't explored yet. I'm on the lookout for high-school teams to present other events like math night and literacy night.

Betty King Buginas is a teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

World made more sense with a Mr. Rogers in it

Quote of the week:
"Be gentle with the young."
Juvenal, Roman poet and satirist, 55 A.D.-127 A.D.

"WATCHING MR. ROGERS was like being read to," is the way my father put it when I called him after Fred Rogers died. "I always said he was great and everyone laughed at me," he added. It was true — I remember teasing my father when he talked about how much he liked the television program. I found the slow pace and that easily mimicked voice irritating and it made me impatient.

And yet, like many others, I was affected by his death. When I read a letter to the "New York Times" in which a woman described bursting into tears when she heard the news, I understood. Like her, I was also surprised to have an emotional reaction, since I didn't regularly watch his program and neither did my children.

But maybe with peace and war being in the news so much lately, Mr. Rogers somehow symbolized our possibilities for being nice to each other. It is as if his death takes away that reliable grown-up who could make things better.

I found myself wondering how many children listened to his messages of respect and



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

took them into adulthood with them. How did those messages affect their lives? If they became politicians, do his words echo somewhere inside of them, helping them make wiser, gentler decisions? Do they see the connection between a fictional neighborhood and nations of peoples?

My father also appreciated his values and his sincerity. You had the feeling, he said, that Mr. Rogers loved and cared about you. This was echoed by one of the Albany librarians, who called him "gentle and straightforward," saying that he didn't talk down to the children.

I talked to other people about him. Were they affected by his death, I wanted to know? Did they have any thoughts about it?

One remembered the program when he not only visited a museum, but also showed the bathroom there. For her, this represented what she liked about him: the ability to understand the anxieties a child

might have and think of ways to relieve them.

Besides the television series, Fred Rogers also wrote books. These books, like his programs, deal with issues that may make young children (and possibly adults) anxious: divorce, love, making friends, going on an airplane, death and "wishes don't make things come true." It is amazing how pertinent these topics are to everyone's daily life.

As I was searching for information about Mr. Rogers, I came across many moving, first-person pieces about him, as a person and as a television figure. There were quotes and anecdotes from his life, giving us all a last chance to think about Fred Rogers and his neighborhood. But my favorite find was the listing for the March 6, 2003, show, which was described as "helping children deal with their fear of the bathroom drain."

To me, all that's happening now feels like that same fear: the unknown, the speed, the feeling of something inexorable happening. Imagine if we could find a Mr. Rogers to tell us how it all makes sense.

READER REVIEW: Miriam reviewed today's book, which is "Fair and Tender Ladies" by Lee Smith. This adult book is about "the life of a woman of the 20th century, in Appalachia, told in letters and journal entries." She recommends it because "the narrator goes from about 12 to her old age, describing her surroundings and her life, and both are fascinating." She added that she's "recommended this book to many people and they all loved it."

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EL CERRITO SCHOOL NEWS

Portola Middle School

ALL THAT JAZZ — ON TAPE: Music parents can purchase a video of the Yoshi's Jazz concert. It's a great souvenir and good entertainment. Videos are \$10 each and the entire amount goes to the music program. Ask your child to get a form from Mr. Y or contact Donna Houser at houser@msn.com.

Do you have some time and want to hear a day full of good music? Mr. Y needs six parents to help chaperone and haul equipment when the Portola Advanced Band tours the elementary schools on Tuesday, March 25. It's a fun all-day event. Send a note to Mr. Y if you can help.

Upcoming concerts are: Tuesday, March 18, 7 p.m., Richmond Auditorium — Honor Band Concert Monday, March 31, Jazz Explosion in the Portola Gym. This exciting fundraiser will have special guests **GATE MEETING:** Ms. Spears has

scheduled a GATE parent meeting for Wednesday, March 26, at 6:15 p.m. at the school. She will have someone from each of the core departments to address parent concerns about GATE. Parents will send her an e-mail in advance notifying her of the parent concerns. E-mail your concerns to jhira@sc.co.contra-costa.ca.us

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ALBANY PTA NEWS

PTA Council

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March 20, Superintendent's Consent

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March 18, Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Library

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Council members agreed they want to continue to use redevelopment money for San Pablo Avenue.

"There's so much we could do to make San Pablo a much more inviting place in which to do business and shop," said Councilwoman Gina Brusatori. It makes even more sense, she added, because a new civic center will likely be on San Pablo Avenue.

Brusatorisaid the redevelopment agency does not have

enough money to focus on too many specific projects and that the situation could get worse if the state siphons money off to help deal with its own budget crisis.

"I think the council is interested in seeing the redevelopment agency proactively do what's necessary to make the El Cerrito community better," added Mayor Pro Tem Letitia Moore.

The council also discussed how better to communicate with city staff. Councilmembers said they want to know how certain city issues or projects, such as the civic center, are progressing

behind the scenes. But they said they don't want to overwork city employees to do it.

"We need to do a better job communicating between staff and the council and between staff and the council and the community," said Brusatori, "because a lot of good things are going on but the information is not readily available."

Hanin said that several years ago, before he began working for the city, there was less communication between councilmembers and city staff and that he is working to change that.

"We're trying to get a good

working relationship" with the council, Hanin said, adding it is a matter of learning what the council's expectations are and keeping members informed about projects and issues in the city.

The councilmembers are still learning just how much work goes into running the city, as well as the various projects staff people work on, Moore said.

These projects include a zoning ordinance update, the Cerro Theater, Del Norte BART station project guidelines and more. In some ways, she said, the city is busier than other cities twice

as big, but with a smaller staff.

Councilmembers said they want to attract and keep good employees at city hall and raised the idea of increasing pay and benefits.

El Cerrito would become a more attractive place to work if better pension benefits were offered, Hanin said. White, the facilitator, quickly pointed out it would also be a potentially expensive benefit.

The idea will be brought back to the council for discussion.

Other subjects brought up during the meeting included how to forge a better relationship be-

tween the city and Contra Costa Unified and the desire to bring to the council approval in their own right.

Councilmembers wanted to make sure that were started within a reasonable time.

They also want to increase the frequency of the meetings to cover goals as well as projects.

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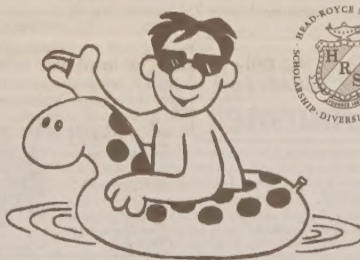
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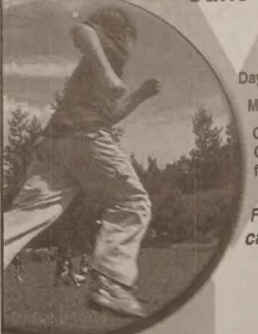
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while waiting to see if employees who left will come back, the council's authorization to help the department plan for the future and also help address an immediate need," Kirkland said.
The employees who left with a worker's compensation claim. Another was ordered to report to a National Guard unit that will last up to six months. By law, the department must give jobs back to those who serve in the National Guard.
Kirkland expects to have the two new people hired in about three months and, after getting authorization from the city manager, could keep them permanently. However, the new employees would be considered "overhired" if the employees now out temporarily come back before the six months are up. Kirkland has been authorized to keep the four employees simultaneously for up to six months at a cost of \$42,000.
Kirkland said it was important to keep an adequate number of record specialists to handle an increased demand in service.
The number of reported crimes in the city increased from 1,208 in 2000 to 1,524 in 2001.
"We are on the rise in just about all the categories we report," said El Cerrito Police commander Dan Hurley. Categories include robbery, vehicle theft, DUI, aggravated assault and more.
Hurley noted that the increase of assaults to 184 in 2002 from 145 in 2001. Most recently, street robberies have been a concern, as has identity theft.
"In a city the size of El Cerrito, we're talking significant numbers," he said.
Within the last month street robberies along the Ohlone Greenway have increased, Hurley said. Plainclothes officers on bikes have been patrolling the area where the crimes have been reported and have arrested five people for robberies there.
Hurley said though he didn't know why there has been an increase in crime, he speculated that the number of calls to the department has increased because more people have realized it's a full-service department that responds to a variety of circumstances.
The police department has received an average of 11,000 calls for service annually, Kirkland said. The number increased by about 3,000 calls in 2001 and 4,000 calls in 2002, he said.
"People in El Cerrito know they can call us for any public safety concern they have and we'll respond to that," Hurley said.
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LWV topic: single-payer health care
EL CERRITO — Dr. Howard Mitchell will speak to the League of Women Voters Richmond Area meeting on Tuesday, April 15 at Denny's Restaurant, 11344 San Pablo Ave. The annual business meeting begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and Mitchell's talk. State Sen. Sheila Kuehl introduced a single-payer health care bill (SB 291) on Feb. 21. Checks for \$11 payable to LWVRA should be mailed to Jean Lipton, P.O. Box 1118, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

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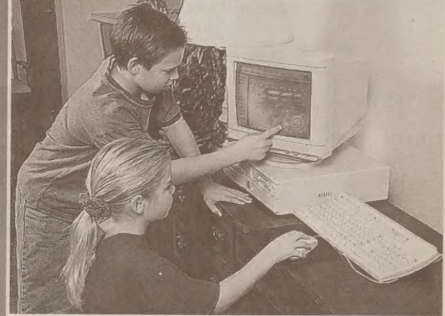


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Albany, firefighters set contract through 2006

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — After more than a year of negotiations, the city and its 18 firefighters have agreed on a new contract that will increase pay through 2006.

The increases, which bring the department closer in pay to others along the Interstate 80 corridor, are a result of Measure G, which Albany voters passed in November.

The department needs to raise pay to keep high-quality firefighters and sustain the department's four-minute response time to medical emergencies, said Fire Chief Marc McGinn. Four firefighters had signed up to test with another department until the pay raises were enacted.

"It was my understanding before the contract was signed, there were four individuals

signed up to take the Emeryville test and after the contract signed, no one followed through with that," McGinn said.

McGinn added that the department had lost five firefighters/paramedics and it had been difficult to replace them.

"At the time, we were not competitive with other cities, and it (Measure G) made a real difference to hire paramedics," he said. "I think, fortunately, now it's all behind us, and do really thank residents of Albany that came through in a time of need, especially considering the state of the economy."

After its contract expired at the end of 2001, the Albany Fire Fighter's Association lobbied the City Council for pay raises, and the council responded by putting Measure G on the ballot, which increased the city's emergency medical tax by almost \$27.

Earlier this year, the city and firefighters came to an agreement that increased their pay and retirement benefits over the next three years. The council approved the agreement in January.

Aaron Walker, the city's personnel analyst, said the firefighters' demand for a pay increase was understandable because several fire departments in the area have given raises.

"Safety units not only in Albany but in other cities are getting relatively large (pay) packages because they're valued by citizens because of the current heightened state of security, if you will," Walker said.

The salary increases will be staggered over the next four years. The first raises include a 6 percent increase retroactive for the year 2002 and a 5-percent increase effective January 2003.

A 4-percent increase will be given in January 2004 and again in January 2005. A 1.5-percent increase will go into effect in July 2005, a 3 percent increase will be given in January 2006 and a 2.5 percent increase will go into effect July of that year.

There will also an enhanced retirement package that amounts to about a 10 percent increase, Walker said.

Mayor Jewel Okawachi said compromises were struck during negotiations though both McGinn and the City Council thought the end result was fair.

"We were pleased with the results," Okawachi said. "It took a while to come out with a contract but I'm pleased it came out as well as it did."

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spoke of an Internet vacation program, which he likened to the "21st-century version of auto shop" that he and his wife run at El Cerrito High School. The program, called Tech Futures, is graduating its third class of students this year.

Representatives of the West Contra Costa Public Education Fund mentioned that group's efforts to support West County schools by providing \$12 million in grants to the district. The Ed. Fund helped get a grant for Project REACH, a recreation and education program for low-income and high-risk students in El Cerrito schools, and sponsors the annual teaching excellence awards held for the last 15 years.

Kazuo Nakahara, a teacher at Portola Middle School discussed the school district's science fair, in which 300 students participate annually. Linda Edley, from the Read-Aloud Volunteer Program, said she wanted volunteers to participate in that effort, to read to kids weekly and give them books monthly.

Others brought up problems they saw in the city.

Janet James, the administrator for the Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor senior housing complex on San Pablo Avenue said there have been efforts to get a traffic light near the complex where two seniors have died within the last 14 years. Caltrans isn't doing anything to make the street safer, she said.

"We'd love a quick and easy way to get that taken care of," said James.

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Step

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McBride is the founder of the McBride School of Irish Dancing, the largest such school on the West Coast. She's been teaching the art since she arrived in this country in 1959.

"I grew up in a large Irish community in Glasgow, Scotland," she says. "Back then, Irish dancing was our television, our radio, our movies, our everything. It was all we had."

Her first feises were small enough to be held at the Kerry House Pub on Piedmont Avenue. Nowadays, she has to rent the Oakland Convention Center. After starting out with a handful of students, her school now conducts classes all over the East and North Bay, from Danville and Oakland to Concord, Lafayette, Vallejo and Marin; taught by McBride, assistant Heather Farquar or daughter Eileen McBride-Parker.

And waiting in the wings is her 16-year-old granddaughter, Bryanna, the best dancer in the family.

"She has so much talent, but she doesn't practice half as much as she ought to," McBride says, shaking her head as she watches Bryanna effortlessly execute the most intricate steps and jumps. "Just imagine what she could do if she worked harder."

McBride fancies herself a stern taskmaster, but that's not the way her students see her. "She's so nice," says Colleen McNulty, who at age 7 is already a standout, what McBride calls "one of my up-and-comers."

"She always makes it fun," adds 8-year-old Robert Chapelle, a sentiment echoed by his mother Rita, who was once one of McBride's students, too.

"I've had boys and girls who were my students come back and bring their children and even their grandchildren to me," says McBride. "I've had many a champion; but I'll tell you, I do enjoy teaching the little ones."

Since Monday is St. Patrick's Day, McBride's dancers are naturally in great demand these days. "Actually, we don't have a St. Patrick's Day," she says, "we have a St. Patrick's Month."

Last Saturday, March 9, they were at St. Jarlath's Church in Oakland for the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner. Today they'll dance at the Elks Club in Alameda, then rush over to Marin County for a performance at the Marin Yacht Club later in the afternoon.

Tomorrow they'll be back in Alameda for a performance at St. Philip Neri's Church as a special favor to the pastor, Father Vin-



JOANNA JHANDAS/STAFF

IRISH STEP DANCING instructor Annie McBride, at the McBride School in the Glenview Center for the Performing Arts, is preparing students for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day performance at the El Cerrito Eagles Club.

cent Cotter, who used to be one of McBride's students when he was a boy. Then it's over to the Sequoia Country Club in Oakland for an afternoon show.

On St. Patrick's Day itself they'll dance at the Dublin Chamber of Commerce's St. Paddy's Day luncheon and at Cliff's Bar in El Cerrito, in a joint performance with the All-Ireland Pipe Band.

Ancient roots

Irish step dancing goes back to the time before history, when the old dancing masters would travel from farm to farm, knocking on the farmhouse door and asking for food in exchange for an evening's entertainment. But

their knowledge would all too often die with them.

That changed in 1928, when the Gaelic League of Ireland formed the Coimisiún le Rinci Gaelacha (Commission of Irish Dancing) to monitor and govern competitions all over the world. Today Irish step dancing is highly regulated, with national, regional and local bodies.

But it has never lost touch with its ancient origins. "Don't forget," says McBride, "the dances themselves are hundreds of years old, but we're dancing to tunes that are far, far older."

And even her youngest students feel the connection. Asked why she took up Irish step dancing, Aigne Ritchie-Boland answered, "Because my dad is Irish, and I wanted to be closer to his roots."

"Really?" said her father, Patrick Boland, clearly touched. "I had no idea. That's so good to know."

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Non-recurring closing costs

Loan origination points: As we

Real Estate Spotlight:

Spectacular Upper Rockridge home



FROM THE MOMENT YOU MEANDER into the lushly landscaped entry with fountain you can sense how very special this property is. This contemporary Craftsman home was custom built in 1994, using a myriad of warm woods. The grand living room opens to a beautiful front slate patio with a serene Japanese-style garden. Together with the large rear redwood deck, this offers an effortless flow for gracious entertaining.

The gourmet kitchen with island has lovely wooded views from each window. Formal dining room with wonderful Craftsman chandelier and built-in cabinets looks out to the redwood trees. Gorgeous cherry wood floors throughout add to the warmth of this abode. Upstairs has the spacious master suite with large office area and a room that could be the fourth bedroom. The lower level has two bedrooms, one bathroom and family room. Outside you can enjoy the many wonderful outdoor spaces with potential for sports and spa and the large level yard for garden and play.

This home is ideally located in the heart of the coveted Upper Rockridge area. Price: \$1,395,000.

Open Sunday March 16 from 2 - 4:30 p.m. and by appointment. Contact Dee Knowland of Pacific Union at 510-338-1318. Photo tour at pacunion.com.

discussed above, it is still one of
the biggest and most important de-
cisions regarding the loan if you
want the lowest interest rate. One
point equals 1 percent of the loan
amount.

Processing fee: The lender,
whether you are working with a
mortgage broker or a bank has
overhead. This fee covers every-
thing from copier service to postage
to lights to gasoline. The average
is between \$400 - \$600.

City transfer tax: (purchases
only) This fee varies by city. Us-
ually the cost is split 50/50 between
seller and borrower. The City of

Oakland, for example, charges \$15
per thousand dollars of the sales
price. So, a \$250,000 purchase
would calculate at \$250 x \$15
(\$3,750) divided by 2 equals \$1875.

County transfer tax: (purchases
only) This tax is usually paid by the
seller, however on occasion, espe-
cially in a hot seller's market, it can
become a buyer's cost. All coun-
ties in California charge \$1.10 per
thousand dollars of sales price.

Credit report fee: The same for
everybody, individuals and married
couples, equals \$15 to \$18. The
credit report is a tri-merge of Ex-
perian, TransUnion and Equifax

Credit Reporting Bureaus and in-
cludes the credit score for each
one. They also research all the pub-
lic records for judgments and liens.

Appraisal fee: Whether pur-
chasing or refinancing, the home
must retain enough value for the
lender to feel secure. Traditionally
appraisals are based on sales
comparables (you know, where
somebody bought a house kind of
like yours, with similar square
footage, bedrooms and baths but
was completely different?). Nor-
mally for a single family home,

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Don't wait — appreciate!

BY DAVE AND CARLA HIGGINS
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The real estate cycle keeps rolling along. In buyers' markets with a lot of houses for sale, competition keeps home prices low, and buyers have an advantage. But eventually the inventory of houses falls and with fewer homes for sale, the cycle swings into a sellers' market. Sellers have more customers, home values go up, and sellers find they can raise their prices.

So should buyers wait for a buyers' market and sellers wait for a sellers' market? No, they should not.

Most sellers immediately turn into buyers themselves, and those who sell for a high price generally pay a correspondingly higher price for their next home. Sellers in a buyers' market may get a slightly lower price, but that translates into a lower price on their next house.

Buyers shouldn't wait for a "favorable" market either. Except for

relatively brief periods, housing prices have always trended upward. Recently, median prices of homes were appreciating nationally at a rate of 6.7 percent higher than at the same interval during 2001-2002. West Coast housing prices rose 10.4 percent and at the state level, homes in California appreciated 20.5 percent over last year.

So people who postpone buying will miss precious time enjoying their new home, and they'll also miss the appreciation that occurs in the home's value. That's why the best time to buy or sell a home is usually now.

A client and friend of ours once told us his father's saying and it always stuck with us, "Don't wait to buy real estate, buy real estate and wait!"

Dave and Carla Higgins can be reached at 800-525-3704 or by e-mail at homes@daveandcarla.com.

NAR and BAR launch Realtor pride campaign

NATIONAL ASSN. OF REALTORS AND
BERKELEY ASSN. OF REALTORS

BERKELEY —The Berkeley Association of Realtors announced today their participation in the Realtor Pride Campaign — a new member-to-member campaign designed to encourage members to better associate themselves with their Realtor name.

Association President Joan Brunswick noted that, "Even though research clearly indicates most consumers would prefer to work with a real estate professional who is a Realtor, most members have not fully leveraged the opportunity to identify themselves to their customers as Realtors." The findings are according to a new survey recently released by the National Association of Realtors.

Between 1999 and 2002, the percentage of consumers who believe there's a benefit to working with a Realtor as opposed to a salesperson increased to 61 percent, up from 42 percent, according to the independent study conducted for NAR.

However, only two out of 10 Realtors wear their Realtor lapel pins when they meet customers, according to the study. Previous research supports that finding. In surveys taken in 2000 and 2003, 45 percent of customers said their brokers or agents had not identified themselves as Realtors.

"Consumers want to work with the best. NAR's highly successful national advertising campaign is building that awareness and foundation," said Brunswick. "We want Realtors in our association to realize the full benefits of membership and their Realtor status. It's time for all Realtors to express pride in their association."

NAR kicked off the Realtor Pride Campaign at the 2003 Realtor Conference and Expo in New Orleans to encourage members to wear their Realtor lapel pins, place their Realtor logo on their business cards and introduce themselves as a Realtor when meeting with customers. The campaign officially launched to all members March 1, 2003.

The Berkeley Association of Realtors and other Realtor Associations around the country will be supporting the program locally with materials and communications designed specifically to

More than one-third of all consumers recognized the new campaign theme, "Work with someone who will work with you. We're Realtors. Real Estate Is Our Life."

heighten the awareness of the issue and the members' valuable name and status.

Only real estate professionals who are members of the National Association of Realtors can call themselves Realtors. All Realtors adhere to NAR's strict Code of Ethics, which is based on professionalism and protection of the public. Realtors are held accountable for their ethical, professional behavior by their local Association.

According to NAR's latest survey of consumers, conducted to measure the effectiveness of the advertising campaign, nearly half of all real estate home buyers and sellers recall seeing or hearing the advertisements on radio or television. More than one-third of all consumers recognized the new campaign theme, "Work with someone who will work with you. We're Realtors. Real Estate Is Our Life."

The National Association of Realtors, "The Voice of Real Estate," is America's largest trade association, representing more than 840,000 members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

The Berkeley Association of Realtors represents more than 500 members and has served the Berkeley/Albany area since 1902.

For questions and additional information, contact BAR association executive Terry Murphy eo@berkeleyaor.com or 510-848-4288.

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Real estate industry has banner year despite economic downturn

Prudential California Realty makes strong showing

PRUDENTIAL CALIFORNIA REALTY

PLEASANTON — Despite a sluggish economy in most sectors, Prudential California Realty (PCR) announced today that its tri-state offices in California, Nevada, and Texas exceeded \$10 billion in sales volume with more than 30,000 transactions in 2002 — a record high for the company.

PCR's banner year, which includes a 25-percent increase in sales

volume from 2001, reflects continued high demand as well as consumer confidence in real estate fueled by historically low interest rates.

National statistics for the industry

Nationally, final 2002 sales numbers for the industry as a whole are expected to shatter all-time records, with 5.56 million existing home sales and 979,000 new home sales, up 5.0 and 7.7 percent from 2001, according to the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

Still leading the charge was the California market in which the sales of existing, single-family detached homes increased by 13.5 percent

from 2001, according to the California Association of Realtors (CAR). A new record of 572,550 homes sold was also set, compared to 504,430 from 2001. Additionally, the median price of a home in California in 2002 rose by 20.4 percent to \$315,870, setting yet another record.

Ed Krafchow, PCR's president, called the real estate industry "the backbone of the economy" due to the fact that it was one of the only sectors to see growth in 2002. Krafchow says he expects the industry to sustain its healthy clip in the first and second quarters of 2003 as interest rates remain low and demand high, especially in high-growth regions like the Bay Area, Sacramento,

Reno and North Texas, which has many of its own

Prudential California Realty
PCR recently upgraded its WebTop 3.5 upgrade agents to perform more efficiently. As well, its upgraded its website www.ProWeb.com and its database can now store 100,000 Multiple Listing Service (MLS) listings in the community information, mortgage rates, and alerts when new criteria are listed.

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owner occupied under 3000 square feet, the fee runs from \$350 to \$400. Owner occupied above 3000 square feet usually runs from \$500 to \$550.

Non-owner occupied (investor rentals must include a rent survey), single family homes are \$500 - \$600; units 2-4 are \$650 - \$750. The appraisal fee is usually paid directly (COD) to the appraiser or to the bank.

Document preparation: This is the lender's fee, whether working with a bank or a broker. Once a lender has your file, there are three main functions they perform: processing and underwriting, drawing loan documents and funding. Every lender has a different price tag on these functions, but the gross broad range is from \$500 to \$750.

Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI): All loans have PMI, but if your loan to value is greater than 80 percent, you get to pay the premium. This is a fee to protect the lender's risk. If the borrower(s) defaults, the insurance protects the mortgage holder. Some lenders today will self insure by increasing the interest rate and points for the loan (and margin and life insurance) up to 90 percent loan to value.

If you are going for a first time home buyers or any loan with less than 10 percent down payment, be prepared to be saddled with an up front cost of approximately .95 percent of the loan amount and an on going monthly payment anywhere from .66 percent to .80 percent of the loan amount (divided by 12). You will have to pay that until you can prove that your loan is below

80 percent loan to value.

Escrow fee: In every real estate transaction, escrow serves as the non-biased (and often the peace maker) third party to the transaction. Your escrow officer is the conduit between lender, real estate agent and/or mortgage broker and you. The fee is based on the loan amount if a refinance, and the sales price if a purchase. Fees range anywhere from \$290 to \$930 (for loans to a million dollars-loans over a million dollars are usually by special quote only which the client agrees to in writing).

Title insurance: This is one of the biggies. If you are purchasing, you will need an owner's policy as well as a lender's policy (if you are financing the property). The owner's policy is based on the purchase price. The lender's policy is on the loan amount. The combined policy ranges from \$600 to \$2000.

Why do you need title insurance? That is a long topic better covered at a later time, but suffice to say, the litigation costs involved when someone disputes your claim to ownership, would be 100, maybe 200 times the cost of insurance. Recording, tax service, drawing and notary fees (and just for the heck of it, I usually throw in an additional \$100 for anything I might of missed.) The County records the deed of trust for about \$79.

The state sets up communication between your lender and them to make sure you pay your taxes in a timely manner — or the state takes. For that you pay another \$69. Usually escrow charges to prepare the documents before you sign them and there are notary fees for each borrower's signature.

Pay off and demand fees — refinances only: When your old loan is paid off, your old lender will

charge you anywhere from \$100 to \$200 to give this information to the escrow company. They will report your principal balance plus any accrued interest due. The formula that we use is the principal balance plus one payment plus \$100.

Take heart, the above are the non-recurring costs. They only happen one time, at the close of escrow. Most of the fees represent your finance charge and your APR (annual percentage rate). You should be advised by a competent accountant or tax person as to how they affect your tax return.

Of course, if you have elected to go to a no cost loan or if you are fortunate enough to have a seller who is paying your non-recurring closing costs, you need not concern yourself with the tax benefit of the non recurring closing costs. However, you will probably be paying a higher interest rate which has it's own tax advantages.

Recurring closing costs

Pre-paid interest: The day of the month you close will determine how many days of interest are due on your new loan. When you make your mortgage payment, you are paying in arrears for the previous month. So, if you closed your purchase or refinance on the 5th of June, your first payment would be due on August 1st. That payment covers the interest and principal due for July. There would be 25 days of prepaid interest due for the remainder of June. (There are 360 days in a banker's year and 30 days in every month.)

Tax pro-rations (purchases only): The tax fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. The seller of the property is responsible to pay through the day the property closes escrow. The buyer pays the balance

of the fiscal year. If the buyer could pay to 12 months of taxes on the time of the sale.

During a refinance escrow within 60 days of their first or second due, the state requires pay that tax installment escrow.

Fire insurance: When the lender requires one full year to be paid through escrow. For purposes we use the loan amount. If more insurance, but the lender must require at least 6 months of the term of your policy. The policy must be for a year from the date of closing and paid for through the loan amount.

Impound accounts: Loan amount exceeds the value in the escrow. Lenders require that taxes and fire insurance be paid by the seller. The seller must pay in most cases. So, if you tell us that they can't pay the cost loan, they are not the non-recurring closing costs of the loan.

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Then your son should follow up with phone calls several times a week until he receives confirmation in writing that the property taxes were paid and his escrow account was not debited for the late charges and penalty. This is very important because the credit bureaus often report late property tax payments, and he may need to prove to them that the late payment was not his fault.

Your son should ask the loan servicer (1) who owns his mortgage (such as Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac) and (2) which state or federal government agency regulates the loan servicer. After the loan servicer pays the property taxes, your son should write the owner of his mortgage and the government regulating agency to report the loan servicer's breach of fiduciary duty and ask for an investigation to learn if the loan servicer failed to pay taxes for other borrowers, too. Maybe it was just an innocent error. Or maybe it is a serious embezzlement.

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Although one person was severely injured, and I got sued, thanks to your umbrella insurance policy suggestion, I was well-insured.

Escrow waiver is a new mortgage garbage fee

Dear Bob: My 1997 home loan with my lender was refinanced with that same lender in 2001. Both loans specified I would pay my own property taxes and insurance with no escrow impound account. Now, when I went to refinance again, my lender says they will charge me either a higher interest rate or a one-time escrow waiver fee if I insist on paying my own taxes and insurance. I have a track record of always paying these expenses on time. I even direct-pay my mortgage through checking account auto deduction. How can they get away with charging me for making my own property tax and insurance payments? Is this a garbage fee? — Michael D.

Dear Michael: Yes. Escrow waiver fees, which are charged by some mortgage lenders, are a relatively new borrower rip-off, known as garbage or junk fees. But some states, such as California, prohibit lenders from requiring escrow accounts, except for VA, FHA and PMI (private mortgage insurance)

mortgages. However, if you don't have an insurance and property tax escrow account, most lenders charge an up-front "tax service fee" of about \$75 when the loan is originated to hire a firm to check up on your property tax payments every year.

Especially with your superb on-time payment record and being a long-time customer, there is no valid reason why your lender should rip you off with a pure-profit escrow waiver fee. Unfortunately, such garbage fees are legal, except in the few states prohibiting them.

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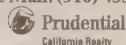
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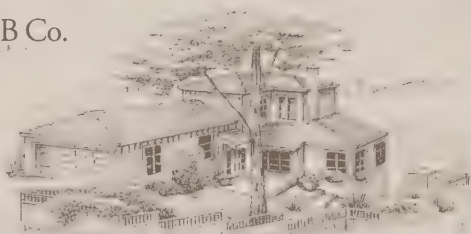
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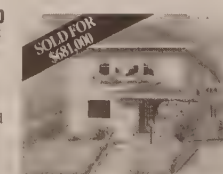
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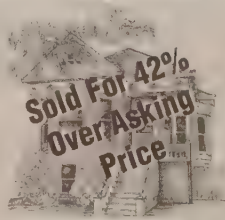
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Underneath, it is the same land

#204 in a series of true experiences in real estate

We once met a drainage engineer hired by our client to look over his house. The client had been told that an old creek bed lay under part of his foundation and he wanted to know if there was anything he could do about it.

This engineer was not like any engineer we'd ever met. He was dressed in a khaki safari outfit and he had a leather-covered notebook clipped to his belt. We followed him as he silently walked around the outside of the house, watched as he disappeared underneath for awhile. When he reemerged, he took his time, settling himself comfortably before he began to talk.

I think we were expecting concrete specifications. Instead, the engineer told us stories. He described Indians in the old days pausing in their travels at the banks of the creek. Their ponies were loosed to graze nearby. Overhead, live oaks shaded. Yellowing grasses, bent by breezes, covered the gently sloping land. Deer started, rabbits huddled.

It was a stirring picture. I'll never forget it.

Time passed, the tale continued, and men moved in. They built houses, built them all over, some over the creeks. We were on that land now, the same ground where the Indians hunted and fished.

There are buildings and people and cars now, fences, concrete patios and curb cuts. The creek has

been culverted, contained and redirected by men, so there is not much water left under this piece of ground anymore.

"But," the engineer sang to us softly, "it is the same land, the same as it always was."

I was reminded recently of this story as Anet and I have been vacuuming ants out of a refrigerator. Everyday for a couple of weeks now, we've gone to an apartment I own, turned on the Electrolux and sucked up ants. They are mostly cold, dead ants. Some are still, very slowly, moving.

There are no paths of ants traveling toward the refrigerator. These ants seem to be walking into the freezer and main part of the refrigerator from somewhere inside the refrigerator walls. In the many years that I have owned the apartment and various refrigerators, nothing like this has ever happened, and I am at a loss as to what to do.

After the last tenant moved out, I had the floors refinished. The floor people unplugged the refrigerator for a week or so, then it was plugged back in and cleaned. There were no ants in sight. But when new tenants took over, they reported that there were ants in the freezer. "Ants in the freezer?" I asked. "How many? Are they dead?"

There were quite a lot of ants, and although we continue to remove them, there are always more. I called an appliance repairman. He said he'd never seen anything like it but he figured there must be



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a finite number of ants. Why not just keep slurping them out? It shouldn't take too long to get rid of them all.

My tenants have been patient but they'd like to move into the apartment. With things as they are, they don't want to bring in any food. I hate to have to throw away a perfectly good refrigerator but it looks like that's the solution. What a strange situation.

At least it isn't bees. Years ago the client of an agent I know had bees in her wall. I think it was from behind her kitchen wall that she heard noises.

She called someone to investigate and they found a lot of bees and a great deal of honey. They had to take down part of the wall to get the honey out. The woman bottled it up and gave honey to her friends for Christmas.

Anet had raccoons at her house.

We work out of Anet's house, and a few years ago we noticed something smelly. Some days it was strong, other days, not so bad, but it kept on. We cleaned and aired out the house. Still the smell stayed.

Finally we called the pest trapper man. He crawled underneath the house and found a mother raccoon and her babies, all dead, which he removed. (What a job.)

About a year ago I had termites in my living room. There is a basement area under my living room and the fireplace chimney goes through both floors. Subterranean termites (the kind that live under the ground) had chosen the surface of the chimney as their home. They built tubes straight up into my living space — and gave me the creeps.

I didn't actually see the termites themselves, and didn't know they were termites, because they were inside their brown tubes. But I knew something alive was going on because the tubes were slowly multiplying. I'd see them attached to the brick chimney, sweep them down, and a week or so later, there would be new ones.

I called John McDonald at Mitts Termite to come and look. "Subterranean termites," he said quite mildly.

Gad. "But John, these walls were completely rebuilt a couple of years ago," I said. "Torn back to the studs. There were no termites then.

Where did they come from? How fast do they eat? What shall I do?" (I was a little panicky.)

John is calm. In his work he sees lots of things. He told me that they eat slowly, they're in the ground everywhere, sometimes they come inside, and we need to kill them.

"Do what you have to do," I said,

and he did: he dug from my living room. But probably not. Because, as our land is the same land, and this includes the residential real estate and at www.tarpo

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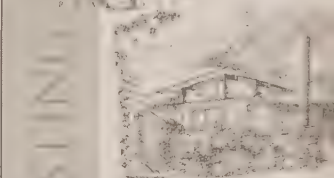
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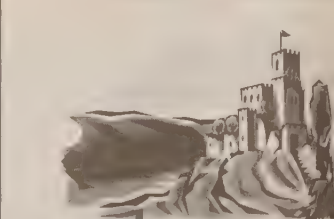


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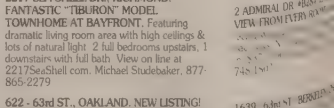
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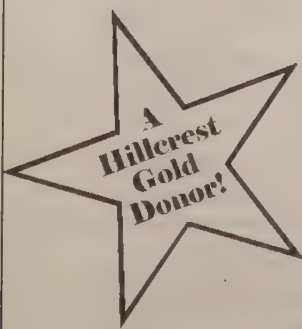
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years ago, when I was
series of seminars on
Estate" for the Na-
Trust for Historic Preservation.
asked by many of my real es-
tates how they could accu-
rately learn about the various styles
of historic buildings found in the
Bay Area, or in other parts of the
United States.
I decided to take any of the
seminars I taught at that
time, either through the National
Trust for Historic Preservation,
or their local Boards of Re-
storation. Unfortunately these one-
day seminars were not the best
way to learn about historic archi-
tecture. I was a victim of federal or state
regulations.

There are a number of good
books and books on historic ar-
chitecture that are still available for
purchase. If you want to learn about
various styles of historic build-
ings found in the Bay Area, or the
United States. With a minimum
investment of time and money,
residents of the East Bay can
go to their local library, book
store, or adult education center, to
find whatever they need to about
historic buildings.

During the next three columns,
I will describe my pick of the best
books and courses on local and na-
tional styles of historic archi-
tecture available to residents of the
East Bay. Below are descriptions of
books and classes on Bay
Architectural History.

In future weeks, I will describe
courses or specific archi-
tectural styles, and historic build-
ings throughout the United States.
There are many books in li-
braries or book stores that survey
historic buildings of specific Bay
Area districts, or the whole Bay
Area. The only limitation with most
books is that they give lit-
tle attention to most of the

East Bay communities, (with one
exception). The price of these
books is not included, since it varies
depending on which edition you
buy. Also, the date of publication
given is the year that the first edi-
tion was in print and not of subse-
quent editions, since some of these
books are out of print, and avail-
able only in used book stores or li-
braries.

Selected books

■ For an excellent overview of
architecture throughout the Bay
Area, you should take a look at "A
Guide to Architecture in the San
Francisco Bay Area and Northern
California", by Avid Gebhard, et al,
1973.

This glove compartment-sized
book does a very good job of sur-
veying the most important historic
and modern buildings in the Bay
Area, with numbered maps for walk-
ing tours of various neighborhoods
and a good description of various
styles in the index.

Its main shortcomings are that
it barely covers the East Bay out-
side of Berkeley, and its photos are
sparse and small.

■ Another good book on San
Francisco architecture is "Splendid
Survivors: San Francisco's Down-
town Architectural Heritage", by
Michael Corbett, 1979.

This coffee table photographic
survey has superb images of the
most interesting historic landmarks

in San Francisco's business district
and civic center, rated as to their ar-
chitectural importance.

■ Also, "Here Today: San Fran-
cisco's Architectural Heritage", by
Roger Olmsted and TH Watkins,
1988, does the same thing for the
rest of San Francisco.

■ A survey of Victorian styles of

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Architecture classes start this month

This spring I'm teaching
classes about historic archi-
tecture in the East Bay: "Historic
Homes of the East Bay," at both
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Schools.

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major styles of historic buildings
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and other styles. A walking tour
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borhood will be included.

The Piedmont class is on
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p.m., beginning March 27. It will
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The Albany Adult class will be
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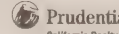
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Four Realtors commit \$20K to Hillcrest School addition

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OAKLAND — Four local real estate professionals have committed \$5,000 each toward the construction of a much-needed addition at Hillcrest School. John Karnay, broker, CFO, The GRUBB Co. Realtors, Berkeley; Dee Knowland, senior sales associate, Pacific Union, Montclair; Heidi Marchesotti, sales agent, Prudential California Realty, Oakland; and Michael Thompson, sales manager, Better Homes Realty, Montclair.

"Not only are these four people outstanding professionals, but they are also caring, dedicated neighbors committed to improving a public school in their community," said Neal Finkelstein, chairman of the Hillcrest School Great Expectations Campaign. "We proudly accept these significant contributions that will help make the dream of expanding and updating Hillcrest a reality."

Karnay specializes in home sales and purchases in Rockridge, the Oakland Hills, Crocker Highlands and the Elmhurst district of Berkeley.

Knowland has registered more sales in the upper Rockridge area in the \$500,000 to \$1.5 million range than any other real estate professional since 1997.

Marchesotti specializes in the upper-Rockridge area and contributes a portion of every closed transaction to a school within the district.

Thompson has been a top-producing agent for many years as a specialist in the Oakland Hills/Piedmont residential market.

The planned two-story addition at Hillcrest

includes six new classrooms, a new library and an air-conditioned computer lab. The project will also enhance seismic safety. Total projected cost for the addition is \$2 million. It is a positive example of a public-private partnership as the Oakland Unified School District has committed \$1.2 million from voter-approved measure C bond funds and the remaining money is being raised by parents and project supporters. Approximately \$400,000 of the balance is being raised as a community cash investment and the remaining \$400,000 from in-kind donations of materials, labor and services.

Fund-raising efforts for the project are ongoing. Plans are in the works for the "Hillcrest School Great Expectations" yard sales throughout the month of March, and students will be raising funds at the school's annual "Walk-A-Thon" on Saturday, April 5.

All donations are tax-deductible and will be spent on the addition and associated costs. Individuals, companies and foundations interested in contributing to the Hillcrest School Great Expectations Campaign should contact the Fundraising co-chairs: David Hytha, 510-655-5980, dhytha@aol.com, or Sumi Shohara, 510-420-0657, slshohara@yahoo.com. Hillcrest Great Expectations Campaign, 30 Marguerite Drive, Oakland, CA 94618

Kimiko Terry as its newest sales associate. In her new position, Terry will specialize in residential sales in the East Bay.

Prior to joining Coldwell Banker, Terry worked at Back in Action Chiropractic Center as a chiropractic assistant for a year. Her responsibilities included customer service, answering patient health and billing questions and scheduling appointments. She also assisted the doctors as needed.

Before this she studied zoology. Terry recently completed an intensive training program through Chamberlain School of Real Estate which emphasized the principles and techniques of real estate.

Terry earned her associate's degree in zoology from Santa Rosa Junior College.

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Kimiko Terry named sales associate

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homes throughout the Bay Area can be found in "Victoria's Legacy: Tours of San Francisco Bay Area Victorians", by Sally Woodbridge and Judith Waldhorn, 1978.

Walking tour maps of Victorian Era homes throughout the Bay area are supplemented with line drawings and photos.

Sally Woodbridge also wrote "Bay Area Houses", 1976, a coffee table hardback book about individual landmark houses throughout the Bay Area, with excellent black-and-white photos.

■ For books on individual East Bay cities, you should look for "The Buildings of Berkeley", 1971, and "The Buildings of Oakland", 1976, both by Robert Bernhardt.

These well written commentaries on individual historic landmarks were among the first books to focus on East Bay historic buildings, although there are no maps, and some of the photos are a little washed out.

A great book for anyone restoring a historic home in Oakland is "Rehab Right", 1978, by The City of Oakland Planning Department. This spiral-bound paperback has detailed line drawings on every major style historic house found in Oakland.

■ My own book, "A Living Legacy: Historic Architecture of the East Bay", 1987, covers historic buildings throughout the East Bay in depth.

This survey of 37 historic districts in 14 towns from Fremont to Benicia involved three years of research. There are numbered maps for each walking tour, 1,500 buildings documented, nearly 550 black and white photos, and a section, with detailed line drawings, on how to recognize the various historic styles in the East Bay.

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OPEN SUNDAY, MARCH 16 2-4:30PM

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Adorable 3 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow located at the end of a cul-de-sac. All level home with bright, sunny rooms. Floor plan includes formal dining room, and a family/laundry room combo. Large level yard. Detached garage and 2 separate drive-ways. Approximately 1200 sq. ft. Don't miss this wonderful home.

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- Wonderful Temescal neighborhood
- Interior access garage
- Large beautifully landscaped yard
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- Mud room off of kitchen
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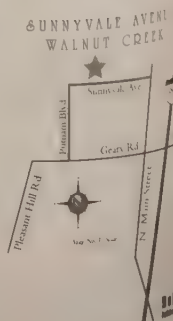
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Staten hosts home buyer's workshop

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ALAMEDA — Gallagher & Lindsey Realtor Troy Staten will host a free home buyer workshop with Karyn Wolff from Bank of America Mortgage Saturday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Bank of America, 1500 Park St. in Alameda.

"You will discover that it is easier to buy a home than you think. Find out how your dream of buying a home can blossom into reality," said Staten. "If you own a home and are thinking of getting a larger home, I have expertly represented people in realizing their dream. At this workshop you'll get step-by-step tips to nurture your goals."

Buyer's will get information about how to begin, find out how much cash they will need and learn about credit and qualifying for a loan.

Reserve your seat by calling Staten at 510-748-1125.

Holcenberg named to President's Premier

COLDWELL BANKER RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

ORINDA — Wendy Holcenberg of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Orinda, has been chosen as a member of the company's President's Premier, an honor bestowed upon 1 percent of the more

than 90,000 Coldwell Banker sales associates internationally.

"The President's Premier designation is the most prestigious designation a Coldwell Banker sales associate can achieve," said Avram Goldman, president and chief operating officer of Coldwell Banker in the San Francisco Bay Area.

"I am proud and honored to recognize Wendy Holcenberg for an impressive year of exceptional sales production and am proud to have her as part of our profes-

sional team."

As a member of the company's International President's Premier, Holcenberg will be extended an invitation to attend the company's "Elite Retreat," a three-day conference for the company's top-producing sales associates in Washington, DC later this year.

Holcenberg graduated from University of California, Berkeley and has been with Coldwell Banker for more than 20 years. She is an associate broker, a Certified Residential Specialist and a Previews

Property Specialist.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Orinda, is at 5 Moraga Way and can be reached at 925-253-4830.

See Bobbie Reid's "Credit Worthy" for more real estate news, page 10.

Trade show offers home ownership help for women

BY BOBBIE REID

CORRESPONDENT

Many single women continue to rent throughout their lifetime. They believe that homeownership is something for married couples only.

Married women, in many cases are relegated to the backseat when it comes to home purchase decisions. No one taught them the importance of taking an active part in financial decisions.

A widow may know that the best thing for her would be to move into a smaller, more manageable home, but she just doesn't know where to start. Her husband always handled the finances.

There is help out there. The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter presents "United We Stand-Homeownership for Women". This mini-trade show is for women interested in the procedures of

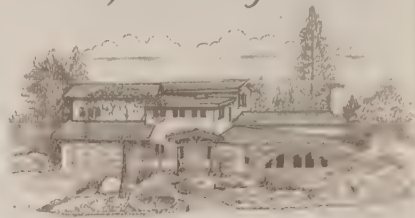
home buying. The show is Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Network Coliseum in Oakland.

All aspects of home buying are covered. Meet with experts in home mortgages, real estate and title insurance. Pick and choose from a variety of speakers. Informational speakers are scheduled ongoing throughout the event.

Real estate industry professionals will be there to help women learn about home selection, credit, down payment assistance, closing costs and holding title. Guidelines will be given for the selection of personal partners to guide you through the mortgage and home buying process.

Children's activities are part of the show. There is a nominal charge to attend, but parking is free. If you would like more information, contact Monique Washington of Cherry Creek Mortgage at 510-452-8280.

Coveted Upper Rockridge Open Sunday 2-4:30



6138 Ocean View

From the moment you stroll into the lushly landscaped entry with fountain, you can sense how very special this property is. The contemporary Craftsman home was custom built in 1994, using a myriad of warm woods. The grand living room opens to a beautiful slate patio with a serene Japanese-style garden dripping with wisteria. Together with the large rear redwood deck, this offers an effortless flow for gracious entertaining.

- Three plus bedrooms
- Two and one half baths
- Gourmet kitchen with island
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\$1,395,000

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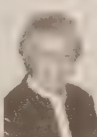
OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Located on 1.4 completely usable acres, this gated property features an updated kitchen, formal dining room, family room, separate guest suite, beautiful bay views, pool, separate workshop, wine cellar and endless possibilities.

Offered at \$1,249,000



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New! Traditional 2+ story home, ready for move-in. This home has 3+ bedrooms, cooks' kitchen, designer bedrooms, plus interior access from garage, au-pair/office, rear garden with delightful patio. Miriam Wilson



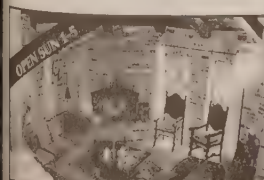
ROCKRIDGE 2-STORY \$545,000
Adorable Craftsman located in popular Rockridge neighborhood. This great 2-story, 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home has a sunny updated kitchen, hardwood floors, rear deck, lovely yard. Keith Tower



OAKLAND \$269,000
Three bedroom, one bath starter home • Totally upgraded including kitchen, bath, windows, plumbing, wiring. Freshly painted. Huge rear yard with garden. What a bargain! Angela Lawson



GRAND LAKE \$699,000
Totally remodeled Craftsman inviting old with new Master suite with private deck, hardwood floors & French doors throughout. High-end kitchen. Gracious living room with fireplace. Angela Lawson



MONTCLAIR/THORNHILL \$849,000
Norman Normandy style. Lovely curved brick walls with arched wood beamed ceilings. Many details in this one-of-a-kind design home. Enjoy two fireplaces accented living room and kitchen. A must see! Mel Copland



LAKE MERRITT \$729,000
The largest condo in The Regillus has just had a price reduction. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. 3 bedroom, 2 bath plus a music room are included in the 2,000 square feet. Period architectural details, massive wood-burning fireplace, and hardwood floors. Doorman service included. Tom Erwin



PARKWOODS \$379,000
1st Time open. "Piedmont" model at Parkwoods. 2 Bedroom, 2 bath unit in smallest building. Gas log fireplace, gas range, stacking washer/dryer and oak hardwood floor in living room. Amenities include pool, spa, fitness center, clubhouse and greenbelts. Tom Erwin



HAYWARD \$289,000
1st Time open. 2 Bedroom, 2 bath townhouse next to Hayward Golf Course, includes wood-burning fireplace, formal dining room, in-unit laundry and private patio with fruit trees and own one-car garage with abundant storage. This is a "must see". Tom Erwin

ROCKRIDGE LOWER \$700,000
AGENTS - Contact your Developer Clients! "Carrier" 2+ bedroom home on PRIME LOT! Zoned R-70 (Residential) for 11 units. Apartments or condominiums. Truly an undervalued "sleepers-opportunity"! Superb & proven location with walking access to BART, SF Express bus, shopping, dining, theater, et al. Call D.C. Hodges for a "Piedmont". D.C. Hodges

LAKE MERRITT \$295,000
Live in Oakland's famous Art Deco landmark. This 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo is bright and spacious. 1,000 Square feet with oak parquet floors, wood-burning fireplace, formal dining room and a new efficiency kitchen with marble floor and volcanic stone counters. 24 Hour doorman and valet service included. Tom Erwin

LAKE MERRITT \$650,000
Open Sun 2-4:30
Top floor 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in The Regillus with panoramic views from every room. Has hardwood floors, high ceilings, impressive architectural details and a massive wood-burning fireplace. The kitchen is a new remodel with cherry cabinets, granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Doorman services included. Tom Erwin

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Looking for a new home? Don't miss this week's Open Home Guide on page B10

Panoramic Oakland Hills View Home! OPEN SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2-4:30 PM



3108 Robinson Drive

This 3+ Bedroom, 2.5 Bath contemporary is located at the end of a private drive & sits upon .3 acres lot with tons of privacy. The panoramic SF bay view can be seen from all levels and from the lush garden, patio and sparkling pool. There are 3 bedrooms / 2 baths on the main level along with the kitchen/great room which opens to a private rear patio garden and a front viewing deck. The lower level offers one-half bath & recreation room which opens out to patio, pool and garden.

View on www.3108robinson.com

Offered at \$695,000



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2 New Listings



Marina Bay

Beautiful, water surrounded and security gated community, walk to bay trail and parks, cathedral ceiling in living room, fireplace in family room, lush garden with patio in backyard, resort lifestyle \$558,000 #162



Nice North & East Area

Lovely, well-maintained in Clinton Hill area. Big family room with full bath, eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, f/p, hardwood floors under carpet. 2-car garage and lots of parking. \$329,000 #166

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MONTCLAIR \$1,495,000
6500 GWIN RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Prestigious 2-year-old home set on level private knoll with top-of-the-world SF and Bay views. Terraces, gardens, and sweeping lawns. 4BR/3+BA. Bonnie Hirsch x1337

MONTCLAIR \$1,475,000
16024 BROADWAY TER. (Open 2-4:30)
Courtyard design. Great bay views. Large kitchen/family room. 4+BR/3.5BA, 2 suites. Francis Heath x1357



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,395,000
6138 OCEAN VIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Distinctive custom Craftsman. 3+BR/2.5BA gourmet kitchen, cherry floors, lovely patio, level yard, excellent location. Dee Knowland x1318

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,295,000
6117 BUENA VISTA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Stately Mediterranean style home with sweeping SF/bay views. 4+BR/2.5BA, den and chef's kitchen. Joanna Hirsch x1366.



PIEDMONT \$1,250,000
190 MAXWELTON RD. (Open 2-5)
New listing! Unobstructed S.F., Bay & G.G. views. 4BR/3BA, den, family room, view deck, spacious patio & lush terraced gardens. Lorri Arazi x1330

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,195,000
1141 CLARENDON CRES. (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! Located on a huge lot in a park-like setting. Elegant 3+BR/2BA home plus guest house w/bath & maple floors. Ann Nichols x1319

MONTCLAIR \$1,175,000
1225 MOUNTAIN BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
Stylish new home w/high ceilings, cherry floors & artistic stonework. Large family room opens to garden. Close to Montclair Village. 4BR/3.5BA. David Ichikawa x1331

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BERKELEY \$975,000
621 ARLINGTON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! Gorgeous sunny Colonial. 4+BR/3BA, main level family room, large level-out yard and filtered bay views. Wendy Gardner x1303

OAKLAND HILLS \$910,000
1830 GRAND VIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! Sophisticated 2+BR/2+BA craftsman w/stunning bay views. Hardwood flrs; 2 fireplaces; loft office; www.jeanineveller.com X1329

MONTCLAIR \$899,000
7455 WOODROW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Near Montclair Village. Stunning 2 yr. old home w/impeccable interior finishes & enchanting outdoor spaces. 3BR/2.5BA, family & rumpus room. Ashley O'Neill x1368



MONTCLAIR \$759,000
6464 GIRVIN DR. (Open 2-4:30)
4+BR/3.5BA, with much privacy. Soaring ceilings, sylvan views and quality materials. Helen Danhaki 547-5750

Open Sunday



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$749,000
67 TEMPLAR PL. (Open 2-4:30)
Level living, garden vistas & privacy. Recently restored 3BR/2.5BA, formal dining room, family room. Charlotte Boyle x1370 & Helen Danhaki 547-5750

OAKLAND HILLS \$695,000
3108 ROBINSON DR. (Open 2-4:30)
3+BR/2.5BA contemporary located at the end of a private drive offers SF bay views, garden, patio, & pool. Rich Gould x1347

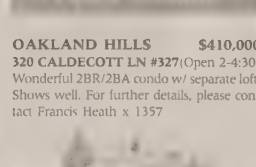
BERKELEY \$549,000
9 PANORAMIC WAY (Open 2-4:30)
Julia Morgan designed condo w/S.F., 2 bridge views, fireplace, built-ins, hardwood floors. 2+BR/1BA, formal dining, covered parking. Dick Cohen x1308

BERKELEY \$495,000
885 COLUSA AVE. (Open 2-4)
Once Masonic Temple now modern condos. 1+BR/1.5BA, two levels, big deck, peek of the Bay. Leslie Easterday x1363

OAKLAND HILLS \$465,000
117 MOUNTAIN VALLEY (Open 2-4:30)
Updated townhouse, sweeping Bay/SF/country club views, spacious, level backyard. 3BR/2.5BA, 2 car garage. Jennie Flanigan x1354

TEMESCAL \$419,000
431 38TH STREET (Open 2-4:30)
Charming Victorian farmhouse. 3+BR/1.5BA, FDR, hrdwd floors, sunny yard. Blocks to BART. Bob & Carolyn Nelson x1345

Open 2-4:30pm



OAKLAND HILLS \$410,000
320 CALDECOTT LN #327 (Open 2-4:30)
Wonderful 2BR/2BA condo w/ separate loft. Shows well. For further details, please contact Francis Heath x1357

OAKLAND HILLS \$369,000
7530 VALENTINE ST. (Open 2-4:30)
Charming bright 2BR/1BA on great street. Detached workshop/studio w/skylights, eat-in kitchen, remodeled bath, hrdwd floors, yard. Carla Buffington x1367

LAUREL \$329,000
3301 VALE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Adorable 3BR/1BA bungalow. Large level yard. Approx. 1200 sq. ft. Detached garage. Diane Earl McCan x1352

MAXWELL PARK \$325,000
2543 MONTICELLO AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Simply adorable 2 bedroom bungalow w/hardwood floors, fireplace, vintage-tiled bath. Lorri Arazi x1330

OAKLAND \$325,000
9870 OLIVE ST. (Open 2-4)
Charming 2+BR/1.5BA Monterey colonial style home in a friendly neighborhood, huge yard, Lanai, even a well! Don't miss out on this one! Fritz Hochfeller x1348

UPPER LAUREL \$319,000
4328 TOMPKINS AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! Charming bungalow. 2BR/1BA, large eat-in kitchen, separate laundry room, small backyard & many improvements. Kathy Flynn x1317

Open 2-4:30pm

RIDGEMONT \$1,575,000
Custom built w/fabulous great room, formal dining, large level yard, sitting room, terrace & bay view. 4.5BA. Dee Knowland x1318

NORTH BERKELEY \$900,000
Enchanting architecture, panoramic views! 4BR/3BA includes extra parcel. Gail Eick x1317

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$900,000
Bay view lot, privacy. Approx. 12,800 square feet. One mile to BART. David Ichikawa x1310

ROCKRIDGE \$875,000
4+BR/2.5BA. Beautiful trade in 1915. Can be 2 units. Cook's lovely garden. Nancy Norman x1310

MONTCLAIR \$875,000
Contemporary 3BR/2.5BA in great setting. Kitchen/family room, floors, convenient to schools, freeway. Robyn Mohr x1310

OAKLAND HILLS \$875,000
Panoramic bay view, 3 levels, 4BR family room, rumpus, 2 car attached garage, approx. 2500 sq. ft. Master suite & level yard. Kathy Flynn x1317

SAN LEANDRO \$875,000
Lovely 3BR/2BA in Estrella Estates. Lous floor plan, lots of light, family room, eat-in kitchen, level patio & garden. Candy Berman x1317

OAKLAND HILLS \$875,000
Next to the Zoo. 3BR/2.5BA, large downstairs rumpus room, level lot, 2 car attached garage. Kathy Flynn x1317

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$875,000
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Call: Peter Damm x13

Stevenson Ave., Berkeley Between Grizzly Peak and Miller)

Appointment

Stunning Golden Gate, Bay Bridge & San Francisco views from this sun-filled hill home. All one-level living. Large living room w/ fireplace, spacious kitchen w/ large eating area. Lovely master suite & bath opens to deck & garden. More sunny bedrooms & bath. Lower level has a full bath & separate entrance & a double garage.

Call: Maya Trilling x18

166 Hudson, Rockridge

Open Sunday, 2-4

Wow listing! This stunning craftsman bungalow within walking distance to Market Hall, all College Ave. amenities and 481 offers three generous sized bedrooms & 2 full bathrooms and remodeled kitchen. Brick fireplace, boxed-in, levelled glass hutch, wainscoting and more. An added bonus is the artist studio and well tended yard.

Call: Joan Brunswick x12

1714 Benvenue, Berkeley

Open Sunday, 1-4

Wow listing! 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. John Hudson Thomas style arts & crafts details intact. Period appropriate hardwood kitchen. Feels like a bungalow—legally a condo. Call Elwood location.

Call: Arlene Baxter x19

175 Tulare Ave., Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2-4

Wow listing! 1st Open in over 30 years! Spacious, elegant style home in terrific upper Solano Ave. Neighborhood. Vaulted ceiling in living rm, formal dining room & kitchen. Handsome details throughout. Big kitchen & breakfast room. Great attic expansion potential. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, garage, laundry, basement. Big yard. In need of new ownership for the next 30 years.

Call: Nancy Mueller x20

147 Wheeler, Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2-5

Wow listing! Amazingly lush garden affords privacy and peace. Special 1907 Bungalow w/ generous living area. Beautiful wood detailing in the formal dining room; live and fun family room opens from kitchen. 2 bedrooms. 1 remodeled bath.

Call: Warren Lei x14

143 Hilgard Ave., #1, Berkeley

Appointment

Wow listing! Very charming, spacious, light-filled, corner unit in small 4-unit complex. Hwd floors, fireplace, kitchen w/ nook or large pantry area. Custom computer desk area off of charming formal dining room w/ French doors. Close to U.C., Gourmet Ghetto, & coffee shops & cafes! Includes washer/dryer inside unit & 1 designated parking space.

Call: Denise Milburn x35

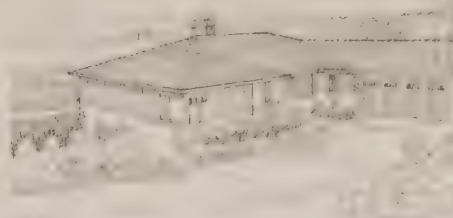
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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$1,395,000
3 Contra Costa Pl. New Price! Level-in 4+BR/3+BA. SF to Marin views. 2 Master suites. Huge family/entertainment room.

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★ Open Sun. 2-5 \$1,395,000
195 Roble Rd. Sophisticated, modern 3+BR/2.5BA courtyard custom home. Vaulted ceilings, new construction, atrium, artistic, large lot.

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★ Open Sun. 2-5 \$1,090,000
5565 Moraga Ave. Fabulous newly constructed contemporary 4BR, 4BA, office, large family room, high ceilings.

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Piedmont \$949,000
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★ Open Sun. \$900,000
1080 Harvard. Gracious traditional located on a large corner lot within close distance to Piedmont schools, shops and transportation.

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★ Open Sun. 2-5 \$879,000
130 Highland Ave. Piedmont. Pretty 2 story Mediterranean. 3+BR/3BA, level backyard, updated.

Vickie & Aleso
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★ Open Sun. 1-4 \$865,000
830 Calmar Ave. Lovely 5+BR/3.5BA. Formal living and dining, refinished hardwood, fireplace, generous family room.

Eric Silverman
(510) 868-1400



★ Open Sun. 1:30-4:30 \$845,000
1049 Hubert Rd. Charming 1920's home. 3BR/1.5BA, formal dining room, family room, French doors to deck and fabulous level yard. New listing!

Jackie Care/Dolores Thom
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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$824,500
11710 Cranford Way. Great 4BR/3BA floor plan, panoramic bay views and backyard next to open space.

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★ Open Sun. 1-5 \$575,000
6821 Thornhill Drive. Great 2+BR/1.5BA contemporary, close to Village and commuter friendly.

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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$599,000
557 Rosal Avenue. Gracious 3+BR, 1+BA 1920's home is well-maintained with remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors, in excellent location.

Gene Boomer
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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$415,000
4624 Steele St. 3BR/2BA split level, hardwood floors, newer roof, large yard, w/w carpet.

Terri Ingram
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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$399,000
3148 Monticello. Charming 3BR/1BA Maxwell Park bungalow with hardwood floors, fireplace, and room to grow.

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★ Open Sun. 2-5 \$395,000
7540 Sterling. 2BR/2BA, spacious nuptus, park-like yard, remodeled kitchen & BA, hardwood floors. A special gem.

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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$359,000
4643 Fairfax. Sweet Craftsman with 3BR/1BA, lots of original woodwork, garage and relaxing deck with yard.

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Cozy industrial loft. Hardwood floors, near SF ferry, downtown. Separate kitchen, bath, sleeping spaces.

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1960 87th Ave. Cozy 2BR/1BA. Freestanding fireplace in living room. 3 year roof. Satellite dish, home warranty.

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★ Open Sun. 1:30-4:30 \$495,000
2200 6th St. 2BR++ and comm. space, former bodyshop, lots of extras, unique opportunity for creative buyers!

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Heart of Elmwood \$339,000
2BR/1BA condo near shops, cafes, markets & movies. Take Claremont to Prince.

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1428 Ward. 2BR/2BA, yard, needs cosmetic work. Basement, fireplace.

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How About A Lot? \$235,000
Woody downslope lot high in the Berkeley Hills. Million dollar neighborhood, soils report, partial view.

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★ Open Sun. 2-4 \$379,000
836 Liberty St. New listing. 2BR beauty, gleaming hardwood floors, new furnace, garden & detached garage.

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★ Open Sun. 1-4 \$649,000
204 Canyon, Kensington. Panoramic views, move-in condition. Details & pictures online. ThatHouseDetective.com

Chris Neddersen
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★ Open Sun. 2-5 \$518,000
79 Matisse Ct. Beautiful 3+BR, 2.5BA townhouse. Never lived in, close to downtown Pleasant Hill.

Debbie King
(510) 337-8670

★ Open Sat. 1-5, Sun. 1-4 \$259,000
2881 Lowell, Richmond. 2BR, 1BA, beautifully remodeled kitchen & bath. Huge backyard, great for entertainment.

Diane Cuckrell
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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$310,000
1856 Carlson Blvd. 2BR/1BA corner lot. 2 fireplaces, double garage, sunny yard with fruit trees. Many upgrades.

Nikki Miller
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★ Open Sat. 2-4 \$375,000
961 Springfield Ct. Rodeo. 4BR/2BA, family room/fireplace, 2 car garage, patio. Move-in condition.

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Beauty In Hayward \$185,000
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450 Cola Ballera #D. Sunny, spacious 3+BR/2+BA tri-level townhouse w/cathedral ceiling & 2-space parking.

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Good neighbor awards

Realtor magazine is seeking nominations for its fourth annual Good Neighbor Awards. The program recognizes realtors whose commitment to community service has helped make their community a better place. Five winners will be announced in the magazine and honored at the 2003 Realtors Conference & Expo. Award entries must be received by May 1. For more details call 800-674-6500.

Real estate reunion

Be a part of the Real Estate Old Timers Reunion Luncheon. The reunion started 10 years ago and is the brainchild of Bob Valva of Valva Realty in Oakland. "It's an opportunity to get together with friends and industry acquaintances from the past," said Valva. "People get busy and lose touch. This reunion is a fun and easy way to catch up."

Real estate agents and affiliates from Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda and San Leandro, aged 55 and over are invited. If you would like to be on the mailing list or receive more in-

formation call Valva at 510-451-7317.

Rental housing meeting

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County offers a membership meeting monthly. Non-members are also invited to attend. The next meeting is Thursday, March 20, at 6:45 p.m. The meeting is at the Greek Orthodox Church on Lincoln Avenue in Oakland. Guest speaker is Dennis Kaminski on "Tax and Financial Issues for Rental Property Owners". For information and registration call the RHANAC office at 510-893-9873.

ARPB network breakfast

The Associated Real Property Brokers (ARPB) presents "The Dynamic Networking Breakfast," Wednesday, March 19, from 8 - 10 a.m. The new location is Jimmie's Entertainment Complex on San Pablo in Oakland. Real estate agents are encouraged to bring flyers and market their properties. The meeting is open forum. For more information call Tyrone Cossey of Fidelity National Title at 510-893-8100.

WCR events

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter is a co-sponsor of the annual "Day At The Races". The event is Wednesday, March 19 at the Golden Gate Fields Turf Club. Post Time for the first race is 12:45 p.m. with the last race at 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person and includes a buffet luncheon beginning at noon. WCR's "Day At The Races" is held in conjunction with the San Francisco and Contra Costa chapters. Wear your most unusual hat and win a door prize. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Reservations are a must. Contact Lee Jacobson of Pacific Union at 510-338-1309.

The WCR East Bay Chapter monthly meeting is Friday, March 21. The discussion topic is "Get A Clue" on insurance issues affecting real estate in California. The meeting begins with networking at 11:30 a.m. It's at Scott's Restaurant, Jack



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Overnight discounts

FedEx has joined the REALTOR VIP Alliance Program as a premier

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"e-buyer" course

The Real Estate Buyer's Agency Council of the National Association of Realtors is offering an elective course. The course, called "e-Buyer," is designed to help take the next step after mastering computer and Internet basics. REBAC is the awarding body for the ABR (Accredited Buyer's Representative) and ABRM (Accredited Buyer's Representative Manager) designations. To learn more about this six hour course and ABRM designations call 800-648-6224 or visit the website at www.rebac.net.

WHO'S ON FIRST

Realtor and task force Chairperson, Lois Harris of Prudential California Realty wants to send kudos to Liz with the Ad review and Bill of Flyer Delivery Service for all their help with the OAR Fundraising Task Force. The task force raises money to help the Oral Lee Brown Foundation provide college educations for Oakland school chil-

dren. Harris encourages everyone to participate in this worthy endeavor. If you would like to help, contact Harris at 510-834-2010.

The Alameda Association of Realtors launched their new Web site. The Web site committee is open to suggestions for enhancement of the site. Visit www.alamedaaor.org or 510-523-7229.

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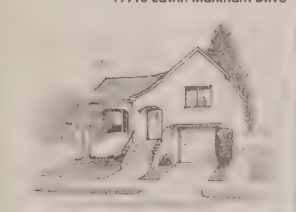
Open 1-5

OAKLAND/MONTCLAIR- NEW LISTING!

4/2 - Romantic and secluded with Bay views on a large lot. Delightful kitchen, sunny decks, 2 fireplaces, hot tub, close to town & commute
5955 Rincon Drive

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Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$489,000
3/2 - Cut up in this magical home, a short distance from Solano & Westbrae shops. Freshly painted, redone hardwoods.
1225 Kains Avenue

Open 1-4

BERKELEY - NEW LISTING! \$389,000
2/1 - Lovely 2-story Victorian farmhouse with large yard, built-ins and attic. More photos at www.saragarabedian.com.
921 Bancroft Way

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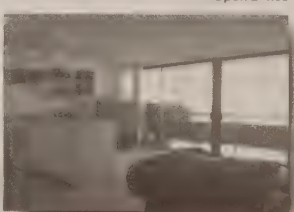


ALBANY - NEW LISTING! \$589,000
3/1 - Sunny Mediterranean. Remodeled kitchen & bath, fireplace, hardwood floors, level rear garden with detached garage & workshop.
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OAKLAND - NEW LISTING! \$395,000
2/1 - Elegant Colonial Revival with original details. Formal dining room, hardwood floors, fireplace, raised basement. Needs TLC. Probate sale.
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Open 2-4

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3/2 - Wonderful Tudor! Architect designed master bedroom suite, hardwood floors, fireplace. Great location close to College Ave & UC.
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Open 2-4

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2417 Sacramento St - \$352,500
1643 Scenic Av - \$545,000
2554 Virginia St - \$901,000
1401 Walnut St - \$470,000
1231 Ward St - \$437,500
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538 Elm St - \$325,000
2232 Spyglass Ln - \$550,000
312 Victoria St - \$377,000

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4313 Santa Rita Rd - \$365,000

EMERYVILLE

1022 44th St - \$330,000
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6363 Christie #2213 - \$352,000
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1734 100th Av - \$280,000
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2116 42nd Av - \$425,000
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539 47th St - \$305,000
846 53rd St - \$600,000
809 54th Av - \$310,000
622 58th St - \$305,000
758 61st St - \$545,000
1169 63rd St - \$305,000
1082 66th St - \$255,000
962 70th Av - \$198,000
2742 75th Av - \$255,000
2833 75th Av - \$251,000
1300 78th Av - \$260,000
2400 82nd Av - \$415,000
1934 87th Av - \$235,000
1335 93rd Av - \$285,000
1073 Aileen St - \$475,000
4728 Allendale Av - \$472,000
1003 Amato Dr - \$725,000
5928 Ascot Dr - \$675,000
5334 Broadway - \$551,000
3937 Brown Av - \$550,000
6512 Buena Ventura - \$420,000
9614 C St - \$300,000
320 Caldecott #132 - \$245,000
5760 Chelton Dr - \$595,000
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10591 Creekside Cr - \$280,000
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3245 Florida St - \$450,000
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2484 Taylor St - \$1,000,000
7128 Thornhill Dr - \$1,000,000
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4556 Tulip St - \$1,000,000
2807 Valley Ave - \$1,000,000
3816 Van Ness St - \$1,000,000
670 Vernon St - \$1,000,000
500 Vernon St - \$1,000,000
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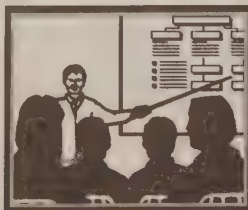
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869 Trestle Glen Rd.	\$799,000
921 Sunnyhills Rd.	\$789,000
1200 Trestle Glen Rd.	\$719,000
1657 Trestle Glen Rd.	\$715,000
958 Park Lane	\$699,000
744 Calmar Ave.	\$579,000
740 Calmar Ave.	\$565,000
697 Mandana Blvd.	\$549,000
801 Mandana Blvd.	\$559,000

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ROCKRIDGE \$925,000
5820 Presley Way Sun 2 - 4:30
3+ BR 1.5 BA Desired street! 1922 Trad. charm! Graceful LR, FDR & bldst rm w/built-ins, HWF, lovely FP, 2 Sun Rm, gar, level yd. Near BART! Needs some work!
Karen Lum 510.339.4700




OAKMORE \$649,000
1916 Oak Crest Dr. Sun 2 - 5
3+ BR 2 BA Traditional, elegant 1940's home w/style! Updated kitchen, FDR, MBR w/FP, HWF, Beautiful yard w/outdoor fireplace & hot tub! Great location!
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OAKLAND \$500,000
9867 Burr St. Sun 1 - 4
6 BR 5 BA & 2 kitchens! Great for extended or multi-families. Needs TLC. Beautiful views & a large yard lend additional features to this property
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BERKELEY \$399,000
1480 Acton Crescent Sun 2 - 4
2+ BR 2 BA 1st OPEN! Charming home on unique cul-de-sac. Vaulted ceiling w/raised beams, frpl, built-ins, hwdw flrs. DR looks onto lovely garden.
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View Dr Sun 1 - 4 \$1,100,000
3 rooms, Upper Rockridge/Claremont Pines. This stately traditional 2 story home offers customizations & touches. Views of hills.
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MONTCLAIR \$699,000
16 Lodge Ct. Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Mid-Century modern home serenely sited on approx. one-quarter acre overlooking The Bay & bridges. Enjoy landscaped level garden on great street.
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CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$659,000
706 Mandana Blvd. Sun 2 - 4:30
3+ BR 1.5 BA Spacious charming Craftsman with large living room, formal dining, country kitchen, recreation room, plus room, sunny yard, patio, garden, lawn.
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OAKLAND \$599,000
2 Twitter Ct. Sun 2 - 4
4 BR 2.5 BA Large Contemporary. New carpet, fresh paint, new tile in kitchen & bath. Built in 1992: move-in condition. Easy freeway access.
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OAKLAND \$359,000
8930 Seneca Sun 2 - 4:30
2+ BR 1 BA New listing. Tranquility abounds in this home w/finished basement.
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MAXWELL PARK \$329,000
5563 Brookdale Ave Sun 2 - 5
2 BR 1 BA Cute Bungalow w/built-ins, large eat-in kitchen, FDR, sep. laundry, fresh paint; great floor plan; deck & fenced yard - move right in!
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OPENS

MONTCLAIR \$799,000
3105 Holyrood Dr. Sun 2 - 5
3 BR 2 BA Golden Gate sunsets & huge views! Architectural renovation incl. seismic & electric; dear pest; beautiful wood finishes; great in/outdoor flow.
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PARKRIDGE ESTATES \$629,000
12845 Brookpark Rd Sun 2 - 5
3+ BR 2 BA Enjoy a retreat from the city in this home on approx. 1/4 acre w/great pool, spa & romantic yard w/paths & trees.
Ellen Lancaster 510.339.4700

GLENVIEW \$575,000
1418 Hampel St Sun 2 - 5
3 BR 2 BA Charming Craftsman. Warm wood accents & built-ins; updated kitchen & baths. Near shops & dining; easy access to transportation.
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$539,000
4315 Atlas Ave Sun 1 - 5
2+ BR 1+ BA Charming Traditional waiting for you! Formal living & dining rooms; big deck off kitchen; large extra space down.
Donna Conroy 510.339.4700

BERKELEY \$499,000
1227 Neilson St. Sun 2 - 5
2 BR 1 BA Westbrae gem beautifully remodeled. Newly redone hwdw flrs, frpl, new kitchen & bath, new wood windows. French doors to Mediterranean veranda/garden.
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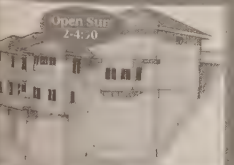
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BERKELEY \$375,000
2619 Etna St C Sun 2 - 4
2 BR 1.5 BA Townhome in super Elmwood location. Fireplace, deck, laundry, parking. Close to UC, shopping & transportation.
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PILL HILL \$395,000
371 30th St. 203 Sun 1 - 5
1 BR 1 BA New condominium. 9" ceilings, HWF, granite & stainless steel kitchens, German & Italian fixtures, washer/dryer hook-ups, garage.
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EMERYVILLE \$349,000
1500 Park Ave 311 Sun 2 - 4:30
1 BR 1 BA Partial Bay, bridge & SF views; top level, highly upgraded, spacious loft close to shops & restaurants. Enjoy hardwood/tile floors & built-ins.
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PILL HILL \$280,000
371 30th St. 306 Sun 1 - 5
1 BR 1 BA New condominium. 9" ceilings, HWF, granite & stainless steel kitchens, German & Italian fixtures, washer/dryer hook-ups, garage.
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Open Sun 2-4:30
\$1,050,000
nearby new, custom-built Contemporary
ceilings, spacious kitchen, lavish master
bath; paired baths; F/R; FDR; slate flrs. 2 FP.
Barbara Marienthal 510.339.4700

OPENS

CLAREMONT PINES \$1,695,000
95 Westminster Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 3 full BA + 3 half Dramatic & spacious Claremont Pines contemporary w/cook's kitchen, breakfast nook, yard & pool, family room, library, 3 FP, lovely master retreat.
Nancy Dickney 510.339.4700

OAKLAND HILLS \$1,475,000
1029 Amato Dr Sun 2 - 4:30
5 BR 4.5 BA Superior design & craftsmanship; fabulous views of Bay & Claremont Canyon; gourmet kitchen w/granite counters & SS appliances; luxurious master.
Elizabeth Malkasian 510.339.4700

MONTCLAIR \$1,100,000
5690 Colton Blvd. Sun 2 - 5
4 BR 3.5 BA Stunning new Contemporary close to Montclair Village. Built-in space, formal dining, kitchen/family room combo, master suite opens to terrace yard.
Andy Usher 510.339.4700

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,080,000
6990 Bristol Dr Sun 2 - 5
4 BR 3 full BA + 2 half Custom Construction w/arched openings, sunken living room & high ceilings! Office, 2 kitchens, fitness & mud room make this a must see!
Terry Anthony 510.339.4700

ROCKRIDGE (UPPER) \$839,000
23 Buena Vista Pl Sun 2 - 5
2+ BR 3 BA Sunny 1918 Medit. Bay view! Nice details. Vaulted ceiling LR, FDR, FP, HWF, newer kit, HWF, nice FP, gar., Studio apt. too. Photos: rubymg.com
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OPENS

ROCKRIDGE \$439,000
4912 Lawton Ave Sun 2 - 5
4 BR 2 BA Spacious older 2-story Farmhouse near Rockridge amenities! Special & unusual; freshly painted; many upgrades. Small lot, but very private setting.
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OAKLAND HILLS \$439,000
6020 Leona St Sun 1 - 4:30
3 BR 1 full BA + 2 half Custom home w/arts & crafts features; bonus room & workshop; landscaped front/back yard; garage w/interior access; FP, HWF; mature oaks; peek of Bay.
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MAXWELL PARK \$399,000
2715 Rawson St Sun 2 - 5
3 BR 1.5 BA Charming! So. Bay & hill view; formal living & dining room; big kitchen w/eating area & all new appliances; level yard; garage. Must see!
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DIMOND \$399,000
2321 Damuth Sun 2 - 5
2 BR 2 BA Beautiful Craftsman Bungalow w/original details. Sunny breakfast room, FDR, FP & built-ins. Lush mature landscaping; freshly-painted interior.
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GLENVIEW (UPPER) \$390,000
1110 Hollywood Ave. B Sun 2 - 4
2 BR 1.5 BA Great location. Near bus & shopping; easy freeway access. Cute split-level condo; FP plus 1-car garage. Cozy 4-unit building.
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BY APPT

BERKELEY \$559,000
2 BR 1 BA Elegant remodeled split-level. Gourmet kitch w/ fabulous features, marble tile & designer touches in bath, hwdw flrs, french drs to sunny yard/patio.
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CLAREMONT HILLS \$795,000
4 BR 3 BA Striking Contemporary w/dramatic architectural detail. Terrific lighting; open floor plan-ideal for entertaining; some views. Stunning!
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PIEDMONT PINES \$725,000
4 BR 3 BA Updated w/family room, Mahogany floors, gourmet kitchen, Bay view, level yard, decks, privacy, level-in garage, 2 FP & more! Wonderful setting.
Judy Ackerman 510.339.4700

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$505,000
3 BR 1.5 BA Wonderful Traditional. Formal living & dining rooms; large eat-in kitchen; sun room off bedroom; level fenced back yard; long private driveway.
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 638 19th St - \$350,000
 419 24th St - \$475,000
 329 7th St - \$280,000
 5433 Amend Rd - \$475,000
 2712 Barnard Dr - \$330,000
 2911 Barrett Av - \$385,000
 377 Beck St - \$195,000
 3161 Birmingham Dr #202 - \$216,000
 4891 Buckboard Wy - \$480,000
 5213 Buckboard Wy - \$458,000
 2355 Bush Av - \$244,000
 500 Deer Park Dr - \$483,500
 502 Deer Park Dr - \$447,000
 9 Harbor View Dr - \$560,000
 1421 Hayes St - \$285,000
 1914 Hellings Av - \$292,000
 2450 Homestead Cr - \$450,000
 2722 Humphrey Av - \$210,000
 3039 Joann Dr - \$313,000
 966 McLaughlin St - \$290,000
 814 Meadow View Dr - \$502,000
 1401 Merced St - \$224,000
 2961 Mullens Dr - \$320,000

2616 Ohio Av - \$292,000
 25 Overlook Ln - \$279,000
 6224 Plymouth Av - \$401,000
 631 Rock Rose Wy - \$590,000
 643 Rock Rose Wy - \$546,500
 333 Sanford Av - \$260,000
 1511 Santa Clara St - \$400,000
 46 Seabreeze Dr - \$599,000
 34 Seagull Dr - \$440,000
 8 Seagull Dr - \$452,500
 1518 Visalia Av - \$268,000
 3604 Waller Av - \$250,000
 700 Williams Dr - \$205,000

SAN LEANDRO

1392 145th Av - \$300,000
 1259 Alder Creek Cr - \$549,000
 16083 Berkshire Rd - \$355,000
 428 Caliente Dr - \$257,000
 4046 Carmel Wy - \$378,000
 1935 Dolly Av - \$374,000
 14835 East 14th St #8 - \$270,000
 16782 Ehle St - \$230,000
 340 Garcia Av - \$341,000
 16947 Los Reyes Av - \$350,000
 14240 Nassau Rd - \$380,000
 14388 Outrigger Dr - \$352,000
 1939 San Rafael St - \$360,000
 435 Teola Ct - \$604,000
 15488 Tern Ct - \$435,000

2170 Thomas Av - \$365,000
 548 White Fir Dr - \$389,000

SAN LORENZO

1867 Corte Enano - \$320,000
 981 Delano St - \$429,000
 1321 Jacqueline Pl - \$248,000
 15572 Usher St - \$312,500
 1027 Via Palma - \$345,000
 15947 Via Pinal - \$355,000
 17335 Via Rincon - \$280,000

ALAMEDA

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 LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$865,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$352,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$404,231.00

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 LOWEST PRICE: \$218,000
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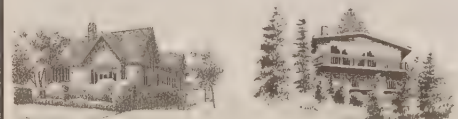
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LOWEST PRICE: \$455,000	
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\$219,000	7 Embarcadero W #112	1 Bd/1 Ba Sun 2-4:30 Prudential, Kathy Dittmer
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\$229,000	730 29th St C11	loft Sun 2-4 RED OAK, Shannon Way
\$239,000	250 Whitmore St #111	1 Bd./1 Ba. Sun 2-4 RED OAK, Josh Levine
\$245,500	1960 87th Ave	2 Bd./1 Ba Sun 2-5 Prudential California Realty, Phyllis Turner
\$249,000	1312 54th Ave	2+1/1 Ba Sun 2-4:30 Prudential-Montclair, Norma De Los Santos
\$249,000	1425 Lakeside Dr. #305	1BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors, Pedram Karbassi
\$2,495,000	101 Beechwood Dr.	5BD/3.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Claremont Plines The Grubb Co., Carolyn Jones
\$2,498,000	6031 Skyline Blvd.	4+BD/5BA Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co., Debra J. Dryden
\$265,000	3800 Maybelle Ave	2 Bd./1.5 Sun 2-4 Marvin Gardens, Kim Welch
\$269,000	8015 Hillside...	3 Bd./2 Ba. Sun 2-4 Prudential, Edgar Macias
\$280,000	371 30th St., # 306	1 Bd./1 Ba. Sun 1-5 Pill Hill Coldwell Banker, Elena Stone
\$289,000	3215 Morcom Ave.	1BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 Maxwell Park Wells & Bennett Realtors, Kate Phillips
\$289,000	525 Mandana #311	2 Bd./2 Ba Sun 2-4:30 Prudential, Rosalie Marshall
\$289,1950	9622 Thermal St.	2BD/1BA Sun 12-4 Assist-2-Sell, Howard Kane
\$295,000	492 Staten #202	1bd/1ba Sun 2-4:30 LakeMerritt C21 Heritage Real Estate, Tom Erwin
\$319,000	4328 Tompkins Ave.	2BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 Upper Laurel Pacific Union Real Estate, Kathy Flynn
\$325,000	210 Lee St	2 Bd./1 Ba. Sun 2-4:30 Prudential-Montclair, Gene Boomer
\$325,000	2543 Monticello Ave.	2BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 Maxwell Park Pacific Union Real Estate, Lorri Arazzi
\$325,000	2845 School St	2 Bd./1 Ba. Sun 2-4:30 Prudential-Montclair, Vince Moran
\$325,000	9879 Olive St.	2+BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4 Pacific Union Real Estate, Fritz Hochfeller
\$329,000	3301 Vale Ave.	3BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 Laurel District Pacific Union Real Estate, Diane McCan
\$329,000	5563 Brookdale Ave	2 Bd./1 Ba. Sun 2-5 Maxwell Park Coldwell Banker, Nancy Maloney
\$333,000	2325 Valley Street	3BD/2BD Sun 2-4:30 Anthony Associates, Tom Anthony
\$339,000	4427 Virginia Ave	2bd Sun 2-4:30 Bayside Real Estate
\$350,000	1760-1762 10th St.	3bd/2ba Sun 2-4:30 C21 Heritage Real Estate, Sheila Broxrowcraft
\$359,000	3030 Linden St	2+7/1 Ba Sun 2-4:30 Prudential-Montclair, Howard Converse
\$359,000	4643 Fairfax St	3 Bd./1 Ba Sun 2-4:30 Prudential, Amy Davis
\$359,000	8930 Seneca	2 Bd./1 Ba. Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker, Noni Robinson
\$360,000	3153 61st Avenue	3BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Regency California Realty
\$369,000	2203 13th Ave	3bd/1.5ba Sun 2-4:30 Prudential CA Realty,
\$369,000	2993 106th Ave.	2+BD/1.5 Sun 2-4 Assist-2-Sell, Howard Kane
\$369,000	7530 Valentine St.	2BD/1BA Sun 2-5 Oakland Hills Pacific Union Real Estate, Vicki Woodhead
\$375,000	2640 Madera	2BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 Maxwell Park Wells & Bennett Realtors, Kate Phillips
\$383,000	471 44th St	2 Bd./2 Ba Sun 2-5 RED OAK, Diane Ohlsson
\$385,000	3008 Partridge	2 Bd./1 Ba Sun 2-5 Prudential California Realty, Kimm Fitzgerald
\$389,000	3027 California St.	3BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 Laurel The Grubb Co., Sheila Gallagher
\$399,000	1110 Hollywood Ave B	2 Bd./1.5 Ba. Sun 2-4 Glenview (Upper) Coldwell Banker, Diana Daniel
\$399,000	1622 Chestnut St	4 Bd./2 Ba Sun 1-4 Prudential California Realty, Jacqueline Palacios
\$395,000	1815 Brandon St	2 Bd./1Ba Sun 2-4 RED OAK, Charles Turvey
\$395,000	371 30th St., #203	2 Bd./2 Ba. Sun 1-5 Pill Hill Coldwell Banker, Elena Stone

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\$395,000	7540 Sterling Dr	Sun 2-5 Prudential CA Realty, Brian Sank
\$399,000	2321 Darnum	Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker, Bonnie Ross
\$399,000	2715 Rawson St	Sun 2-5 Maxwell Park Coldwell Banker, Donna Conroy
\$399,000	3148 Monticello	Sun 2-4:30 Prudential-Montclair, Herb
\$399,000	5281 Bevedero Ln	Sun 2-4:30 Prudential CA Realty, Phyllis Turner
\$410,000	320 Caldecott Ln	Sun 2-4:30 Oakland Hills Pacific Union Real Estate, Frank
\$419,000	431 38th St.	Sun 2-4:30 Temescal Pacific Union Real Estate, Herb
\$425,000	3280 California St.	Sun 2-5 Laurel Pacific Union Real Estate, Ash
\$429,000	4421 Webster	Sun 1-4 Temescal Lawton Assoc. www.4221Webster
\$435,000	129 Mountain Valley	Sun 2-4:30 Sequoia Richardson R.E. Services, Georgia
\$435,000	4794 Redding St	Sun 2-4 Maxwell Park Panavista Realty
\$439,000	2801 Seminary Ave	Sun 11-5 Prudential-montclair, James Sy
\$439,000	4912 Lawton Ave	Sun 2-5 Rockridge Coldwell Banker, Donald Cooley
\$439,000	6020 Leona St	Sun 1-4:30 Oakland Hills Coldwell Banker, List Bestick
\$449,000	2915 Holywood Pl.	Sun 2-4:30 Piedmont Pines The Grubb Co., Anne Feste
\$450,000	3272 Plettner Ave	Sat & Sun 12-4 Help-U-Sell East Bay, Tony Winge
\$465,000	117 Mountain Valley	Sun 2-4:30 Oakland Hills Pacific Union Real Estate, Robyn
\$485,000	4245 Knoll Ave	Sun 2-4:30 Prudential-Montclair, Gynna
\$529,000	9225 Skyline Blvd	Sun 2-4:30 Piedmont Pines Montclair Better Homes, Mark
\$539,000	4315 Atlas Ave	Sun 1-5 Redwood Heights Coldwell Banker, Donna Conroy
\$545,000	5261 Miles Ave	Sun 2-4:30 Rockridge C21 Heritage Real Estate, Adri
\$549,000	1796 Woodwaverly	Sun 1-4:30 Montclair Montclair Better Homes, Kahl
\$550,000	4153 Maybelle	Sun 2-4:30 C21 Heritage Real Estate, Ant
\$559,000	687 Mandana Blvd	Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands Montclair Better Homes, Car
\$575,000	1418 Hamps St	Sun 2-5 Glenview Coldwell Banker, Becky Ander
\$575,500	6821 Thornhill Dr	Sun 1-5 Prudential-Montclair, And
\$599,000	2 Twitter Ct	Sun 2-4 Oakland Coldwell Banker, Diana Danel
\$599,000	557 Rosal Ave	Sun 2-4:30 Prudential-Montclair, And
\$599,500	545 Westfield Way	Sun 2-4:30 Crestmont Valva Realty Co., Mike Bress
\$619,000	5439 Carlton St	Sun 1-5 Rockridge Lawton Assoc. www.5439Carl
\$629,000	12845 Brookpark	Sun 2-5 Parkridge Estates Coldwell Banker, Ellen Lan
\$679,000	3357 Jordan	Sun 2-4 Redwood Heights C21 Heritage Real Estate, An
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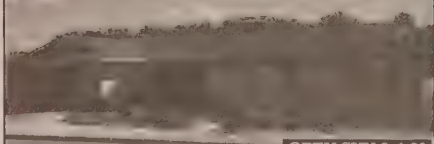
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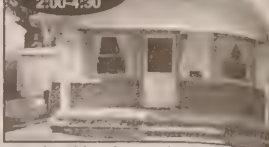
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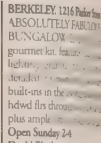
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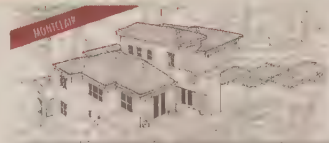
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6350 CONTRA COSTA RD., OAKLAND
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629 TRESTLE GLEN ROAD, OAKLAND
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Patsy Buhler
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2940 MADERA, OAKLAND
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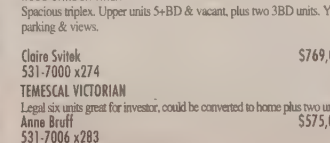
CROCKER HIGHLANDS GEM
Spacious & sunny 3BD Tudor style home. Large lot. Excellent floor plan. Deep terraced yard.
Nancy Novick
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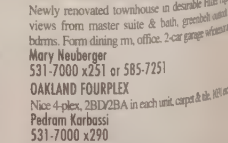
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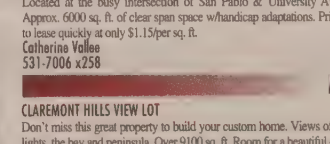
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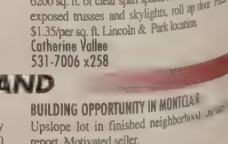
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Section C

Cerrito holds off Burlingame

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to post players Jerrick Owens-Murray (12 points), Russell Murray (10 points) and Brandon Jernigan (eight points).

The Gauchos scored 12 points off offensive putbacks in the game and made 10 of 12 free throws in the fourth quarter alone.

"The tempo was favoring Burlingame, and they were hitting their shots pretty well," El Cerrito coach Brent Daniels said. "The kids did a good job of not letting their run affect our play. We knew we had to get it inside."

Burlingame's Drew Shiller hit four 3-pointers and Brad Smith one in the fourth to keep the Panthers (22-10) in it.

El Cerrito led just 54-53 with 35 seconds left.

Coming out of a timeout, Murray found Joseph Fort alone under the basket. Fort converted the

shot, was fouled by Burlingame's Ryan Ward and made the free throw to seal it, 57-53, with 19.6 seconds remaining.

Owens-Murray said Davis' hot shooting against Burlingame's zone defense in the first half opened things up inside for El Cerrito in the second half.

"He's our guy from (3-point territory), but Tita's kind of been off the last two games," Owens-Murray said. "We had to try to get him in the flow in the first half. Once he jump-started us, they went to a box-and-one (zone), and we were able to get it to the post."

The furthest El Cerrito has advanced in the postseason was in 1999, when the Gauchos lost to Washington-Edison in the Division III state final.

Berkeley 56, Lincoln-S.F. 48: Just days after a disappointing loss in the North Coast Section title game, the Yellow Jackets (25-5) bounced back in a Division I game to eliminate the host

Mustangs (21-12) at Kezar Pavilion for Berkeley's deepest foray into the CIF tournament since 1978.

Khion Tate led the Yellow Jackets with 11 points on the night, while Shaun Burl, Jack McSweeney and Nate Simmons each scored nine points, presenting yet another balanced attack by the Berkeley offense.

Defensively, the tandem of Tate and Kenneth Alexander shut down the fourth-seeded Mustangs' duo of Marques Benjamin and Igor Fishbeyn. The two Yellow Jackets held their opponents to a combined eight points.

"They did a great job of taking away the inside game," Berkeley coach Mike Gragnani said of Tate and Alexander. "I'm proud of the defense they played. They were a big spark and they played tough offensively and defensively."

The Yellow Jackets' offense

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EL CERRITO HIGH'S Patrick Mitchell, left, drives to the basket in his team's NCS Championship game against Northgate.

Yellow Jackets show dominance on boards

By Darcy Couch
STAFF WRITER

Berkeley High School's girls basketball team dominated the boards on both ends and cruised to an easy 62-48 victory over Lowell-San Francisco on Tuesday in the first round of the CIF Division I Northern regionals.

The Yellow Jackets (26-5) had a 41-19 rebounding advantage over the Cardinals, and used the big disparity to start fast breaks on defense, and convert second-chance baskets on the offensive end.

Berkeley, seeded second in the region, jumped out to an early 17-8 first quarter lead. The Yellow Jackets were able to force Lowell (20-15) into seven turnovers in the game's first ten minutes.

Sophomore Andrea Keys set the tone of the game for the hosts, grabbing six of her game high 13 rebounds in the first half.

Lowell, the Academic Athletic Association champion, won a play-in game on Monday to earn the right to face the Yellow Jackets. By halftime, the Cardinals must have wondered whether the privilege was worthwhile. Berkeley led 34-15 at the break and extended its lead to 41-15 five minutes into the third quarter.

The visitors finally got something rolling, when point guard Nicole Nguyen got hot, scoring

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10 of the game's next 15 points and bringing Lowell to a 47-31 deficit heading into the final quarter.

Berkeley spread the scoring around evenly. Michi Yamamoto led the Yellow Jackets off the bench with 13 points. Starters Shaquita Brown and Joy Wright each added 10.

Berkeley's dominance here came from excellent positioning on the boards, and forcing Lowell into bad shots. The combination allowed the Yellow Jackets to empty their bench in the fourth quarter, getting all 17 players on their roster into the game.

NCS DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP

Berkeley 87, James Logan 41: Berkeley faced a team nicknamed the Colts — the James Logan Colts — for the North Coast Section Division I basketball championship on Saturday. But it was clear which team had brought the horses.

The No. 1 seed Yellow Jackets thundered past the No. 3 Colts in a game that was all but decided by halftime.

The victory brought an unprecedented eighth consecutive

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BERKELEY'S DANESHA WRIGHT "does so many things well in a small package," according to coach Gene Nakamura.

Berkeley has its own answer in sophomore guard Wright

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

Daneshia Wright's favorite NBA player is Allen Iverson.

That's not surprising, since the two have games that resemble each other. Like Iverson, the 5-foot-2 Wright regularly drives against taller players and finds a way to get off her shot with impressive results. She also isn't afraid to battle for rebounds inside the key.

Wright, a Berkeley High school sophomore who wasn't a starter when this season began, has become The Answer for Berkeley at the point guard position.

"Daneshia is unique in that she is a great rebounder as far as a playmaker and shooter," Berkeley

coach Gene Nakamura said. "She does so many things well in a small package."

Berkeley advanced to the California Interscholastic Federation Division I Northern regional semifinal game Thursday against Laguna Creek-Elk Grove. The game took place after the West County Weekly's press time. A win would put Berkeley in the NorCal final at 6 p.m. Saturday at Arco Arena.

Wright led the Yellow Jackets in scoring during the regular season with a 13.6 points per game average.

"She's got some very deceiving moves and has almost a driving floater that's very hard to defend because she gets it off so quickly, plus she knows how to

put spin on the basketball," Nakamura said. "She can make some incredible shots. She can go away from you and hit a backboard shot that you can't get to. She uses the angles well."

One of her great assets is her speed.

"Once she puts her hands on the ball, it's hard to defend her," Nakamura said. "We're trying to use her quickness to try to penetrate. She can create a lot of mismatches."

Wright's offensive strategy against taller players is straightforward.

"I just attack the big people and try to foul them out of the game so we can win," she said.

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Albany's Griffin bounced early from CIF tourney

By Bill Kolb
STAFF WRITER

STOCKTON — This was not part of the plan.

Kyle Griffin's dream of a state championship in 2003 came to a crashing halt last Friday at the California Interscholastic Federation wrestling championships at University of the Pacific's Spanos Center.

Griffin, an Albany High School junior who placed second at 162 pounds in the North Coast Section behind McKinleyville's Darrin Kirby a week earlier, dropped a 13-2 major decision to Brett Sloane of Vacaville in the second round. Sloane has yet to lose to a California wrestler this season.

Griffin looked out of sorts from the get-go against Sloane, falling behind 11-0 before scoring a reversal for his only points of the match. Then in his first consolation match, Griffin was staggered once again by Trevor Brady of San Clemente. Brady jumped all over Griffin, handing him an 11-2 loss and an earlier-than-expected departure from the competition.

"He just didn't have a good day on the mat," Albany coach Kermit Bankson said. "The last couple of matches were not like

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he's wrestled all year. But he's a junior, and he'll be back. He's got next year. It's just too bad it happened like it did."

Surprisingly, all three NCS entrants at 162 were dropped into the consolation bracket on the first day. Kirby, Griffin and Pittsburg's Nick Orlando all had been ranked in the state throughout the season by thecaliforniawrestler.com.

Orlando, who just missed earning a medal in last year's tournament, dropped his first match Friday but scored a technical fall in his second to stay alive in the double-elimination tournament. The top eight wrestlers in each weight class are awarded medals.

Kirby — to the shock of nearly everyone in the arena — dropped a 3-1 decision to Tim Le of Los Alamitos from the Southern Section in the second championship round. Kirby defaulted in the next round to leave early as well.

Orlando, who lost 6-5 to Griffin in the NCS semifinals, also left Stockton far earlier than expected. Orlando was pinned in

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BRIEFS

Soccer tryouts

The Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League will hold tryouts for its boys and girls Class I Mavericks teams in March and April as follows:

Under-10 boys: Saturday, March 15 at Gabe's Field East, 10 a.m.; Sunday, March 23 at Anderson 2, 10 a.m.

Under-11 boys: Saturday, March 15 at Gabe's West, 10 a.m.; Sunday, March 23 at Anderson 1, 10 a.m.

Under-12 boys: Saturday, March 15 at Gabe's West, noon; Sunday, March 23 at Anderson 1, noon.

Under-13 boys: Saturday, March 15 at Gabe's West, 10 a.m.; Sunday, March 23 at Anderson 2, noon.

Under-14 boys: Saturday, March 15 at Gabe's West, 2 p.m.; Sunday, March 23 at Anderson 1, 2 p.m.

Under-15 boys: Sunday, April 6 at Anderson 1, 10 a.m.; Sunday, April 13 at Fielding West, 10 a.m.

Under-16 boys: Sunday, April 6 at Anderson 1, noon; Sunday, April 13 at Fielding West, noon.

Under-17 boys: Sunday, April 6 at Anderson 1, 2 p.m.; Sunday, April 13 at King, 1 p.m.

Under-18 boys: Sunday, April 6 at Anderson 1, 4 p.m.; Sunday, April 13 at King, 3 p.m.

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Under-17 girls: Sunday, April 6 at King, 1 p.m.; Sunday, April 13 at Anderson 1, 2 p.m.

Under-18 girls: Sunday, April 6 at King, 3 p.m.; Sunday, April 13 at Anderson 1, 4 p.m.

Players should arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled times for check-in. Tryouts last two hours. Play-

ers should bring soccer shoes, shin guards, a soccer ball with their names on it, and water. Parents or guardians need to sign medical release at check-in.

For updates or more information, consult the ACCYSL Web site at www.accysl.org.

■ The Jack London Youth Soccer League and its Bay Oaks program are holding tryouts for 2003-04 Bay Oaks teams. All interested soccer players are invited to attend.

All tryouts will be held at Alameda Point Field in Alameda. Players must wear shin guards. Players should also bring one white and one dark shirt.

Players should try to attend all try-out dates, which are as follows:

Under-15 boys (Aug. 1, 1988-July 31, 1989): Tuesday, March

25, 4-6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, April 8, 4-6 p.m.; Thursday, April 10, 4-6 p.m. Coach: Edgar Erker (864-8435)

Under-16 boys (Aug. 1, 1987-July 31, 1988): Thursday, March 27, 4-6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, April 8, 4-6 p.m.; Thursday, April 10, 4-6 p.m. Coach: TBA

Under-17 boys (Aug. 1, 1986-July 31, 1987): Monday, March 31, 4:30-7 p.m.; Tuesday, April 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Coach: Abdoul Dieng (562-0119)

Under-18 boys (Aug. 1, 1984-July 31, 1986): Wednesday, April 2, 4:30-7 p.m.; Tuesday, April 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Coach: Juan Ramos (534-9016)

Under-15 girls (Aug. 1,

1988-July 31, 1989): Tuesday, March 25, 4-6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, April 8, 4-6 p.m. Coach: TBA

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Under-18 girls (Aug. 1, 1984-July 31, 1986): Wednesday, April 2, 4:30-7 p.m.; Tuesday, April 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Coach: Juan Ramos (534-9016)

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CIF NORTHERN PLAYOFFS

Boys

DIVISION I

Today's regional semifinals
Berkeley (25-5) vs. No. 1 Oakland Tech (21-5), at Haas Pavilion, UC Berkeley, 8 p.m.

No. 3 **Bishop O'Dowd** (29-1) at No. 2 Valley-Sacramento (26-6), 7:30 p.m.

DIVISION II

Today's regional semifinals
No. 4 Woodcreek-Roseville (25-5) at No. 1 Pleasant Valley-Chico (25-5), 7:30 p.m.

Sacramento (30-2) at No. 2 Montgomery-Santa Rosa (28-3), 7 p.m.

DIVISION III

Today's regional semifinals
No. 4 **El Cerrito** (25-5) at No. 1 Foothill-Sacramento (29-2), 7 p.m.

No. 3 Enterprise-Redding (25-4) at

No. 2 Archbishop Mitty-San Jose (28-5), 6 p.m.

DIVISION IV

Today's regional semifinals
No. 4 Amador-Sutter Creek (26-5) at No. 1 Monte Vista Christian-Watsonville (26-4), 7 p.m.

Ocean-Pacific (22-9) at No. 2 Hercules (23-8), 7 p.m.

GIRLS

DIVISION I

Today's regional semifinals
Kennedy-Sacramento (28-3) at No. 1 Archbishop Mitty-San Jose (30-2), 7:30 p.m.

No. 3 Laguna Creek-Elk Grove (30-2) vs. No. 2 **Berkeley** (26-5), at Haas Pavilion, UC Berkeley, 6:30 p.m.

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NCS title to Berkeley.

"I had one of our coaches scout them and I knew that we could run on them," Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura said. "We just pressured them. They couldn't take our pressure."

Actually, James Logan (20-8) more than took the pressure in the early going. Sparked by a steady stream of short-range buckets by Cheri Craddock, who scored a game-high 19 points, and the Colts led 10-9 with 2:10 to go in the first half.

"They were playing a tough zone and we had to do something about it," Berkeley point guard Danasha Wright said.

The answer was to get up and run. With the added intensity, Berkeley's full-court pressure soon began to take a toll. The Colts had trouble getting off clean passes and when they did, it was all they could do to maintain control into the midcourt.

With the interrupted passes and the mounting turnovers, James Logan soon lost control of the court. Berkeley was there to pounce.

Getting the ball up the court at an ever quickening pace, the Yellow Jackets had a 16-11 advantage with 17 seconds to go in the first quarter.

Berkeley then staged a debilitating 27-2 run that straddled the first and second quarters and gave the Yellow Jackets a 43-13 lead. It began with Shaquita Brown sending a 3-pointer down the chute as the first-quarter buzzer sounded and ended with Joy White laying the ball in for an easy field goal with 2:30 left in the half.

"My coach said if we could run, then we could win it," said Wright, who scored a team-high 17 points.

Berkeley was spreading the scoring around, too. Eight Yellow Jackets scored in the first half. By the time the buzzer sounded ending the game, 12 had put points on the scoreboard.

"I have an undefeated freshman team and an undefeated junior varsity team," said Nakamura, alluding to the expanded playoff roster. "So we have a very solid program."

James Logan was held to just five points in the second quarter. Although the Colts scored 17 points in the third quarter, they still trailed 69-33 going to the fourth. Berkeley finished the game with a 10-0 run.

The North Coast Section title was Berkeley's 15th since 1979. **NCS DIVISION I SEMIFINAL**

Berkeley 67, Monte Vista 36: Fast and furious.

That's the pace Berkeley started with in its NCS semifinal game against Monte Vista on Friday, and the No. 1 Yellow Jackets didn't let up from there. By the end of a frenzied 32 minutes, Berkeley had rolled to a victory that would ensure a return trip to the NCS final.

Berkeley's fast-paced game is spurred in part by a furious desire to add to its seven-year domination as the Division champion. On Friday night, the host Yellow Jackets kept things moving on both ends — and in between — by enlisting stifling defense that spurred steals and fast breaks.

When they did have to settle into an offense, the Yellow Jackets picked apart the Mustangs' zone defense and proved a threat from every point on the floor. Even with a towering Monte

limited playing time. But she practiced at Brookdale Park in Oakland over the summer. Sometimes she shot hoops alone; other times, she got into pickup games.

"That's how I improve, by playing with people better than me," she said.

Wright has had a new role for the Yellow Jackets this season. "Last year I didn't start, so that's

Vista center Lauren Gray in the paint, Berkeley was able to snag rebounds.

No. 5 Monte Vista (17-10) did its best to slow things down and set up an offense, but the Yellow Jackets always seemed to interrupt things.

"They gave us some trouble in the beginning," Nakamura said. "But once we got going it was sort of steamrolling. What we are missing in height, we make up in hustle."

With guards Wright and White buzzing around the backcourt, Monte Vista was hard-pressed to set up its offense effectively. Post player Kendall Williams did the most damage for Monte Vista, finishing with nine points, and guard Kathryn Buckles scored eight.

Meanwhile, Berkeley had 12 players score in the win, led by White and Brown with 11 points apiece. Wright also hit double figures with 10 points.

Berkeley outscored Monte Vista in every quarter, topping out at a 23-point outburst in the third quarter while the Yellow Jackets held the Mustangs to just six points. The quarter was highlighted by — of all things — a Berkeley inbound play. Brown had the ball out of bounds on the baseline and lobbed it into the key — of all players — 5-foot-2 Wright. Wright leapt from the paint, caught the ball and shot in midair to score and give the Yellow Jackets a 37-22 lead.

Two seasons ago, the Yellow Jackets and the Mustangs clashed in the NCS Division I championship, with Berkeley claiming the 2001 crown 67-31.

Staff writers Mike McGreehan and Bill Krussink contributed to this roundup.

a big step up for me," she said.

Wright has handled that step well. In the North Coast Section playoffs, she averaged 14.7 points per game, including 17-point efforts against Pinole Valley and James Logan, the latter in the championship game. Berkeley won its eighth straight NCS title in that game.

When the Piedmont girls basketball team started the season by defeating Berkeley, Marin Catholic and St. Mary's-Stockton to win the Lady Cat Classic at Marin Catholic in December, the Highlanders knew they had done something impressive.

Just how impressive came to light this past week. All these teams held true to form and were

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was streaky at the start. Sporting a 12-9 lead near the end of the first quarter, Tate nailed a long 2-pointer just before the buzzer to spark a 12-4 run, giving Berkeley a 24-13 advantage. It prompted the Mustangs' coach to call a quick timeout.

The break seemed to work. The Yellow Jackets' once-hot hand promptly cooled, allowing Lincoln to jump back into the game. Berkeley was lucky to lead by seven, 28-21 at the half.

In the second half, the Yellow Jackets opened the quarter with a pair of jumpers but hit a speed bump when McSweeney picked up his fourth foul on Benjamin's steal and layin with about six minutes left in the quarter. Benjamin's ensuing free throw made it 32-27 Berkeley. But that was as close as the Mustangs would get.

From that point on, the Yellow Jackets regrouped and embarked on a 12-4 run to lead 46-35 at the end of three quarters. Aiding Berkeley's cause was Lincoln's 2-for-8 output from the free-throw line in the third quarter.

Lincoln's Kalik Brown led all scorers with 21 points, including four in the final quarter when the Mustangs barely outscored the Yellow Jackets 13-10. But Berkeley held tight and earned the win and the trip to Thursday's semifinal against No. 1 Oakland Tech (21-5).

"They're determined not to let anything keep them from bouncing back," Gragnani said. "They battled back hard, and I'm proud of that."

NCS DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP
El Cerrito 43, Northgate 42: It was exactly the kind of game

that Northgate consistently wins — and the fact that it didn't speaks volumes about El Cerrito.

Everything added up for the Broncos. The majority of the NCS Division III championship game was played in half-court sets, the score stayed low, and Northgate even converted 10 3-point shots. And still, the No. 2 Gauchos adapted, held their ground, and won their first NCS title since 1999 with a victory at Berkeley High School on Saturday.

"Heart and desire made the difference," El Cerrito forward Fort said. "We had a lot to prove and we just wanted it a little more. (Northgate) played a hell of a game, though."

After a poor first-half shooting performance had them down 19-13 at the break, fourth-seeded Northgate (19-10) hit its stride in the third period as it connected on five 3-pointers and trailed only 31-30 as the teams headed into the final eight minutes.

A free throw from El Cerrito point guard Patrick Mitchell gave the Gauchos a 43-41 lead with 21 seconds remaining in the game. Northgate ran a set play that gave guard Ryan Kiehlhorn a clear path to the basket. Kiehlhorn was fouled as he attempted the game-tying layup with 7.2 seconds remaining.

Kiehlhorn was able to sink only 1 of 2 free throws to make the score 43-42 and immediately fouled Mitchell, who caught the inbound pass with 5.9 seconds left on the clock.

NCS DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP
Bishop O'Dowd 55, Berkeley 50: Bishop O'Dowd ran hot and cold in this year's NCS playoffs.

The pattern held again at St. Mary's College on Saturday night

when the Gauchos faced No. 3 Gauchos in Division I final. The Gauchos won 55-50 in the third quarter, but were up again at halftime to a win over the Gauchos.

O'Dowd's win at Catholic school was the Division I title that led to 1999.

El Cerrito was a Catholic school to win I title, in 1988.

The Dragons took most of the game.

Unlike their semifinal win over Memorial on Friday, to a fast start, opening in the first quarter.

Then came a 10.1 seconds left, Robert Hunter, Berkeley's first lead, vantage the Yellow tried with them in room.

The third quarter O'Dowd's substitute, ley's ending.

"They were just mental tonight, better," Berkeley coach said.

"They were better, tally on offense, gary on defense."

"We just wanted hard as we could. ways says make a said junior Diane Mc O'Dowd with 13 poa some really good boards, too."

Staff writers Chaz Mike McGreehan contributed to this story.

Wrestling

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his first consolation-round match by Nick Galvan of Orland in just 49 seconds.

"That's the story of wrestling," Pittsburg coach Brett McNamar said. "You never know. You can be winning and get caught. You

end up on your back. That's the way it goes."

Griffin started strong in his first match, jumping out to leads of 7-1, 10-2 and 14-4. But Alemany's Chris Gonzalez caught him in a move and threw him to his back. It looked for a moment as though Griffin's run at a medal might have been an abbreviated one, but he battled to stay off his

shoulders and scored 10 victory. It was the in state competition.

"He got that out of Banks said after the match of the day," the nerves. With a throw like (Gonzalez) to keep wrestling that a lead, or you can stay back."

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include Head-Royce's Clara Horowitz (now at Duke), Sacred Heart Cathedral's Shannon Rowbury (also at Duke) and St. Mary's High's Bridget Duffy (Cal). It's a well-run event on a fast track.

Never too early to start winning

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Just how impressive came to light this past week. All these teams held true to form and were

high seeds in their section championships. The Highlanders, by virtue of their victories over Marin Catholic and St. Mary's-Stockton, were seeded No. 1 in the North Coast Section Division IV playoffs. They played Marin Catholic at home and were seeded higher than St. Mary's in the Northern California Regionals.

There was a downside, too. Piedmont lost to Ursuline-Santa Rosa 46-44 on Jan. 4 and were seeded behind the Bears in the NCS, so it had to travel to Sonoma State to win (which it did). If the Highlanders had defeated Ursuline in that January matchup, the NCS final

would have been held at East Bay. Such are the tudes of playoff basketball.

"It is surprising," coach Brian Gardner said. "All the teams we played right up there. The NCS committee was very open that we beat Berkeley that (Lady Cat) tournament more good than I."

So a note to blow off those early games as learning experiences. You never know who you (and remember) to this story.

Staff writer Bill Krussink contributed to this story.

Wright

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Wright quickly impressed Berkeley's coaching staff this season.

"We saw that she made things happen," Nakamura said. Last season, Wright averaged less than five points a game in

pulled off their first NCS crown since 1999 with a 43-42 victory over Northgate.

Protecting a 19-13 lead at halftime, the Gauchos could not prevent the Broncos from sinking five 3-pointers to close the gap to 31-30 heading into the final quarter.

The score remained close with El Cerrito clinging to a 43-42 lead with six seconds remaining. Gauchos point guard Patrick Mitchell missed a free throw, leaving the door open for the Broncos to take the lead. And it almost happened.

After a momentary bobbie by the Gauchos' Jerry Owens-Murrey, Northgate's Ryan Lynch made the rebound and floated a half-court shot that was off the mark, denying the Broncos a third consecutive NCS title.

The Gauchos lucked out somewhat as the Broncos had two unused timeouts just before Mitchell's free throw attempt,

but the bobbie ate up just enough time, forcing Lynch to take the desperation shot.

Owens-Murrey led the game in both scoring and rebounds with 14 points and 11 boards.

Finally, in Division IV, the Titans continue to add their amazing season with the school's first NCS title by defeating Marin Catholic-Kentfield 58-46.

The sixth-seed Titans

wrestled away control from the No. 1 seed Wildcats from the second quarter on. With the game knotted 20-20, Hercules guard John Winston came up with two key steals and layups to spark an 8-1 Titans run for a 28-21 halftime lead.

Although the Wildcats did come back to cut the lead to 28-24 to start the third quarter, Hercules jumped on a 9-2 run to keep Marin Catholic fixed in



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Arts

Irish voices to soar for St. Patrick

By Brian Kluepfel
CORRESPONDENT

"A lot of our music is quiet, contemplative music," said Shay Black, the eldest son of one of Ireland's most musical families. "We like to play the Freight & Salvage on St. Patrick's Day because we don't like the screaming pubs and the green beer everywhere."

Black and his brothers Michael and Martin, appear at the Berkeley coffeehouse on March 17, concluding their infrequent touring schedule. While Michael lives in San Francisco and Shay in Berkeley, Martin still resides in Dublin, Ireland, where the musical siblings, including well-known sisters Mary and Frances, were raised.

The musical tradition was strong on both sides of the family; father Kevin was a fiddler from Rathlin Island off the Antrim coast, while mother Patti was a dancer and singer in the Dublin ballroom scene. The young brothers often traveled in County Wicklow and the countryside, where they were apt to sing a John Denver or Leonard Cohen song as they were a local ballad.

"We've always been attracted to songs that have stories, ones with a strong narrative," said Shay Black. The family has recorded three albums together, and the three brothers one. It's not flash instrumental wizardry that you'll hear at a Black Brothers show, but rather the power of the voices themselves.

"The sessions that we grew up with were mainly singing sessions," Shay explained. "We regard ourselves primarily as singers. I play guitar, some keyboard, but I prefer to sing. Michael plays banjo and Martin plays fiddle, but I'm more of a rhythm musician."

They learned the love of song at home. "My father would have hooeys at the house, he would go around and ask — one person might sing a song, another might play a tune," Shay said.

He gives equal credit to his mother's influence. "She was always singing to us," he said.

It was in the pubs around Kelly's Corner, North Dublin, that the brothers also learned some of their songs, including a local number of two centuries' standing called The Bleeding Horse.

"Just going around, you would



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THE BLACK BROTHERS
(from left: Shay, Michael, Martin) will appear at the Freight & Salvage Coffee house on St. Patrick's Day.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: The Black Brothers St. Patrick's Day concert

WHERE: The Freight & Salvage Coffee House, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley (San Pablo)

WHEN: Monday, March 17. Doors open 7:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m.

TICKETS: \$17.50 advance, \$18.50 day of show

INFO: www.thefreight.org, 510-548-1761

sit in on the sessions," Shay explained. He also remembers going to O'Donoghue's on St. Stephen's Green, the legendary public house where the Dubliners first harmonized.

After living in England for two decades, where he hosted a music night at the Liverpool Irish Center, Shay Black moved to Berkeley in 1994. He now hosts the Sunday night music session at the Starry Plough. Dozens of instrumentalists gather, includ-

ing fiddlers, guitarists and accordionists. Their instrumental sets are occasionally interjected with a short set of a capella singing, for example, Shay Black singing "Molly Malone." (The family tradition lives on: his 3-year-old daughter Seosaimhin — Shosi — brought the house down with her interpretation of the song last year.)

Less frequently he'll burst into a true rabble-rouser like "The British Army," with its derogatory references to the English troops' presence in Ireland. But that's the exception rather than the rule, and it also holds true for St. Patrick's Day.

"The once-a-year Irish expect loud rebel songs played at a pace with everybody gettin' drunk," Shay said. "That's not what we do."

Once a year, however, they bend to the will of the crowd. "We have a little session in the Mission District in a place called the 3300 Club, and we will sing anything there," said Shay.

"Danny Boy," "Wearing of the Green," if you ask it, we will sing it. That is our acknowledgment of American Irish music. We like doing that, but it's not part of our regular concert gig."

After all this time, a sibling rivalry has yet to surface amongst the brothers. "Surprisingly not!" Shay said. "We jockey for position musically, you know. I'll do the harmony, no you can't do the harmony, that's my harmony." But that's as much as we argue about things."

So if you'd like to hear some Irish music — and perhaps a sea shanty, a Scottish, English or Canadian tune — but avoid the green beer, then the Freight & Salvage is the place to go on St. Patrick's Day.

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'Celestial Cow' treats immigrants' challenge



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

"THE GREAT Celestial Cow," opening tonight at TheatreFIRST, has one of those attention-grabbing titles that simply can't stand there naked without a cloak of further explanation. No. It's not the story of those "Got milk?" ads. No. It's not a play about those chatty and insouciant bovines hustling heavenly California cheese. Take it from director Clive Chafer, this U. S. premiere of Sue Townsend's play — while as humorous as the name suggests — is the "moving story of a family emigrating from India to England in the 1970s."

It's a timely theme and well suited for playing in the ethnically diverse Bay Area. Many of the issues faced by the Prakash family 30-odd years ago are still alive for immigrants in our communities as they strive to overcome cultural and traditional barriers.

Townsend is best known for her comic novels. But in the '70s she was also writing plays and, like her contemporaries Caryl Churchill and David Hare, was collaborating with the Joint Stock Company. Unlike Churchill's and Hare's work, however, Townsend's plays have remained largely undiscovered outside the United Kingdom, Chafer says.

For this show, TheatreFIRST is back in its familiar venue, the architecturally interesting YWCA, 1515 Webster St., in downtown Oakland.

"The Great Celestial Cow" plays at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and at 3



GREGORY URQU AGA/STAFF

CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE students in the Young Actors Workshop at Contra Costa College rehearse "Adventures in Terraleaferia." They are, from left: Matt Little, Michael Moran, Anna Smith and Heather Dickinson.

p.m. Sundays through April 6. Tickets for Thursdays and Sundays are \$16; for Fridays and Saturdays, \$19. Seniors, students and TBA members pay \$3 less, and tickets are half-price for those under 25. On March 20, what you can. Call 510-436-5085.

NOT SEX? HAH! Speaking of play names, here's another one that doesn't tell exactly what's afoot.

There's a line in "Scab," Impact Theatre's current offering at La Val's Subterranean, to the effect that, "It's not about sex. It's not." A more accurate and useful denial would be, "It's not really about a scab. It's not

about a strikebreaker in those gritty, fist-raising proletarian WPA diatribes of the '30s."

It's unfortunate if this unpleasant title — arresting as it may be — is a turn-off. Sheila Callaghan's intricately woven work takes a penetrating look at two female graduate students whose lives become entangled in unexpected ways. It's a thoughtful tale, darkly comic, intensely personal and worthy of Impact's innovative productions.

A minor incident serves to bring in the symbolic scab. Anima, played by Alyssa Bostwick, cuts her hand. Her new roommate, Christa, in Emily

Klein's fine debut performance with Impact Theatre, binds the slight hurt. But there's more than the binding of a whiskey-induced cut going on here.

Anima is binding herself in an emerging love relationship with Christa who is sleeping with Anima's ex-boyfriend Alan (Noah James Butler). The psychic wounds will scab over. The spiritual scarring will remain.

The well chosen cast also includes Pete Caslavka and Eleanor Scott in multiple roles. Particularly hilarious is their appearance (with Bostwick) as a trio of snotty academic co-

EVENTS

STAGE

ALTARENA PLAYHOUSE — "Over the River and Through the Woods" by Joe DiPietro, closing March 22. A hit comedy about a young man whose decision about his future sparks an eruption of unsolicited advice, matchmaking, meddling and unending food from his four Italian-American grandparents. \$12 general; \$9 seniors and students. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; March 16, 2 p.m. 1409 High Street Alameda. 510-523-1553 or www.altarena.org

BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE — "Frau in Elise" by Francesca Fardany, through March 28. Adapted from a 1921 novella by Viennese writer Arthur Schnitzler, this is the world premiere of the play about a young, beautiful and witty woman who runs into horrible trouble while vacationing at an Italian spa. \$38 to \$54 general; \$19 to \$27 seniors and students. \$20 under age 30. Tuesday Thursday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thrust Stage, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-847-2949 or www.berkeleyrap.org

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF INTEGRAL STUDIES — "Praises for the World: A Celebration of Music, Dance and Words," March 22, 7 p.m. Join authors Alice Walker, Gloria Steinem and 50 others for a community concert involving spoken word, dance and song in honor of peace. \$50 to \$30, post-party \$25. Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Dr., Oakland. 415-575-8175 or www.edgeworker.com

CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL — "Gala Bellissima," March 22, 8 p.m. An elegant evening inspired by all things Italian is taking place to benefit the Cal Shakes' Annual Fund and the Theatre's Artistic Learning Initiative. The evening includes live and silent auctions, dinner, cocktails, dancing and live music from Steve Lucky and the Rumba Bums. \$175 to \$250. The Historic Rotunda Building, Frank Ogden Plaza, Oakland. 510-548-3422, ext. 125 or www.cal-shakes.org

EIGHTH STREET STUDIO THEATRE — "Oedipus Rex" adaptation by Nicholas Rudall, through March 30. Featuring the cast of Shotgun Players and guest performers from Darvag this is a soulful translation of the famous Greek drama. \$18 general, \$12 seniors and students. \$20 opening night with reception; \$10 Thursdays Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley. 510-704-8210 or www.shotgunplayers.org

IMPACT THEATRE — "Scab" by Sheila Callaghan, through April 5. The story of Anima, who is falling in love with her roommate and best friend, Christa. Meanwhile, Christa is secretly sleeping with Anima's ex-boyfriend. \$15 general; \$10 seniors and students. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. La Val's Subterranean Theatre, 1534 Euclid St., Berkeley. 510-464-4468 or www.impacttheatre.com

JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS — "First International Citizens Celebration," March 14 and March 15, 8 p.m. Sia Amma, with humor and strong convictions, raises awareness about the situation of women and children in Sierra Leone. She is joined by dancers, singers and drummers in this fund raiser by Global Women Intact. \$18 to \$25 sliding scale. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-8542 or 925-798-1300 or www.juliamorgan.org

LA PENA — "Confessions of a Cha Cha Feminist" by Maria Elena Fernandez, March 15, 8 p.m. In celebration of Women's History Month, Maria Elena Fernandez's one-woman show focuses on her rebellion from a Mexican upbringing as a fervent feminist in a comedic setting. \$12. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org

THEATREFIRST — "The Great Celestial Cow" by Sue Townsend, March 14 through April 6. A humorous and touching story of a family emigrating from India to England in the '70s. \$16 to \$19 general, \$3 off for students, seniors; half-price for under 25; March 20 pay-what-you-can. Oakland YWCA, 1515 Webster, Oakland. 510-436-5085 or www.theatrefirst.com

TRANSPARENT THEATRE — "The Rehearsal" by Mark Chappell and Alan Connor Hamilton, through March 23. The audience is brought into the making of an obscure fictional Hungarian play titled "The Ear." \$20 general; pay-what-you-can Sunday, Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-883-0305 or www.transparenttheatre.org

WILDE IRISH PRODUCTIONS — "The Importance of Being Oscar" by Michael Mac Liammóir, closing March 23. A theatrical journey through Oscar Wilde's life. \$8 to \$20. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-7287 or 510-558-1381 or www.wildelrish.org

ZELLERBACH PLAYHOUSE — "Marisol" by Jose Rivera, closing March 16. Marisol is a story of desire, struggle and redemption with a woman in chaos and New York City in complete anarchy. Post performance discussion with the playwright on March 8. \$14 general; \$8 seniors and students. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. Zellerbach Playhouse, University of California, Bancroft Way and Dana Street, Berkeley. (866) 468-3399 or http://theater.berkeley.edu

POPULAR MUSIC
ASHKENAZ — Dance Floor Amour with Brass Monkeys Brass Band, March 14, 8:30 p.m. \$15.

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needs thoughtful commentary

TELEVISION NEWS has too many talking heads, not many thinking ones. This is something missing on television that is especially true in these contentious times. Commentary, which used to be a staple of local TV stations, has been called editorial and the consultants started to do anything too contro-

versive. I was reminded of this the night when I saw that sell-out word, "Commentary," properly appear on KTVU's 10 p.m. news.

Channel 2 commentary was delivered by one of the best writers in the business. KTVU reporter Bob McKenzie. It was done in the style of the latest space shuttle launch. I can't remember McKenzie's exact words, but they were thoughtful, elegant, transcendent. The veteran journalist put the word in perspective, tying it to his aspiration to explore the world and his willingness to put it all on the line.

McKenzie's commentary was all too rare, and that's the problem — partly because in troubled times, with major events dividing the country, a real, unmodulated voice like McKenzie's at the end of a news makes sense.

Called the veteran Oakland writer recently and asked about TV commentary in general and his rare pieces in particular, I remember that KGO-TV's former general manager, Osborn, raised a big question in the mid-'80s with his editing. Following the downing of a jet liner, his KGO-TV successor, local TV father figure Douglass, regularly did thoughtful editorials and commentaries. When's the last time you saw a commentary on that?

OK, KRON's Wayne Kragen in the '80s may have been embarrassing stylistically, but he did take stands on issues. "Thinking," the low-key McKenzie told me, "that at the time of a busy news day, viewers want someone to filter the news for them, to tell them what it all means. That's why I used to look at seeing Eric Sevareid's

commentary. I didn't always agree with his long-time CBS commentary, but his analyses were always thoughtful and reasoned. He was a crusade like media attorney highlights political excess (talk radio) and well-argued (e.g., "The Laughing Group," etc.).

His voices, like that of the late McKenzie, are needed today and TV in troubled times. But argument and conflict are better, I'm told. McKenzie used to do more commentary. I once asked KTVU's former general manager if he didn't use McKenzie's style and writing skills and his ability to move commentary. He said he thought McKenzie was "too liberal." But KTVU exec told me the other day he thought the Emmy-winning former OakTrib columnist was "too conservative."

Neither is true. I've known McKenzie for 20 years, and he's always struck me as relatively apolitical. He's thoughtful, spoken and not self-aggrandizing. In short, he's the perfect commentator.

The broadcast exec I asked for commentary in general said, "We shy away from it because it's too controversial. Advertisers don't like it. And editors always offend some people." That's not a good enough reason. Thoughtful analysis on TV is too rare. It should not be restricted to a handful of folks like PBS's "Newshour."

Like the Bay Area, we've all been through a political anomaly in recent weeks, is appropriate to ask. You'd think that from watching TV news these days, we'd be able to tell that.

MIKE OF THOUGHT- Michael Krasny, of KQED-FM's highly regarded "Forum," can also be heard on the SFPD mess: "Don't they know the fajitas better at Chevy's?"

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Woodminster sets auditions for summer musicals

auditions for the community theater's 17th season summer musicals will be held at Woodminster Amphitheater, 3300 Joaquin Miller Park, Oakland, on Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23. Dance auditions are at 11 a.m., singing auditions at 12-4 p.m. Dancers should bring jazz shoes, tap shoes for "Singin' in the Rain." Singers should prepare 16 bars each of contrasting songs (rhythm/ballad). An accompanist will be provided, and there is no transportation.

This season's shows are "Kiss Me Kate" July 11-20, "Evita" August 8-17, and "Singin' in the Rain" September 5-14. Auditions are Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23. Dance auditions are at 11 a.m., singing auditions at 12-4 p.m. Dancers should bring jazz shoes, tap shoes for "Singin' in the Rain." Singers should prepare 16 bars each of contrasting songs (rhythm/ballad). An accompanist will be provided, and there is no transportation.

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Events

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Jeff Narell and Bongo Beach Band with Crazy, Caribbean Allstars, Harry Best and Shabang, Jungli Apart, March 15, 9 p.m. \$15
Native Elements, March 21, 9 p.m. With Dan-I Spencer, Riddimystics, Pacific Vibrations and Shashamanti SoundSystem. A benefit concert in the month-long celebration of the 30th anniversary of Ashkenaz. \$15
Shashamanti SoundSystem, March 23, 10 p.m. \$6
1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, 510-525-5055 or www.ashkenaz.com

BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH — The Kehoe Nation, The Moops, The Rising, March 14.
JND, Brown Baggin, March 15
Joe Firstman, The Ordeal oda B, March 16
All Star Jam, March 17
PHIX, March 19. A Celebration of the music of Phish
Acoustic: Wednesday, March 19, 10 p.m. Free
Funk Fetish, March 20. With Eric Riggsbee, Big Al, Mahesh and Eric G
Dank Man Shank, March 21. With Thunderpussy and Bray
Alphabet Soup, March 22. With Greens LT and the Friendly Traveler, March 23
With Potluck and Homonym and Tyrant.

\$3 to \$10 general unless noted. For ages 18 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m.
2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, 510-848-0886
CATO'S ALE HOUSE — Green Chimneys, March 16
Jose Roberto y Sus Amigos, March 19, Strange Angels, March 20
Free, Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
3801 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-655-3348 or www.mircal.com
COMMUNITY CONCERTS — SoVoSo, March 15, 8 p.m.
\$20 to \$22, Orinda Library Auditorium, 24 Orinda Way, Orinda, 925-229-2710 or www.communityconcerts.com
DOWNTOWN — Scott Amendola Trio, March 14
Post Junk Trio, March 15
The Miami Fox Quartet, March 18
Jules Broussard and Ned Boynton, March 19, 8 p.m.
Kenji El Lebrijano Flamenco Guitar, March 20, 8 p.m.
Rhonda Bennet, March 21
Hal Stein Quartet, March 22
Free, 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-649-3810 or www.downtown-restaurant.com

18TH ANNUAL JEWISH MUSIC FESTIVAL — March 22 through March 29
Shlomo Bar and Habera Hatveet.
March 22, 8 p.m. \$24 to \$27 general, \$22 to \$25 seniors and students First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley
Klezmer for Kids, Gerry Tenney and California Klezmer, March 23, 1 p.m. \$10 to \$13 general; \$8 to \$11 seniors and students; \$5 to \$8 children
Berkeley Richmond JC, 1414 Walnut Street, Berkeley
(925)866-9559 or www.bjrc.org

FREIGHT AND SALVAGE — Bill Kirchen and Too Much Fun, March 14, \$15.50 to \$16.50.
Dix Bruce and Jim Nunally, March 15, \$15.50 to \$16.50.
David Scheel, March 16, \$16.50 to \$17.50.
Black Brothers: Ireland's First Family of Song, March 17, \$17.50 to \$18.50.
Vance Gilbert, March 19, \$15.50 to \$16.50.
Dolly Ranchers, March 20, \$14.50 to \$15.50.
Tret Fure, March 21, \$15.50 to \$16.50.
Marley's Ghost, March 22, \$15.50 to \$16.50.
Sed Salvage, March 23, \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley 510-548-1761 or 510-762-BASS or www.freightandsalvage.org
KIMBALL'S EAST — Lee Ritener, March 14 through March 16, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$30.
Larry Carlton, March 20 through March 23, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$30.
East Bay Public Market, 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville, 510-658-2555 or 510-762-BASS or www.kimballs.com.

KITKA'S "OPEN YOUR VOICE" BALKAN SINGING WORKSHOPS — through March 24. At each workshop a group of Kitka singers will teach special warm-up techniques designed to produce "open voice" resonance as well as some favorite tunes from the Kitka repertoire. Reservations suggested for individual workshops \$20 for individual workshop. Monday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 1330 Lakeshore Ave., Oakland, 510-444-0323 or www.kitka.org
LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — Orquesta La Moderna Tradicion, March 14, 8:30 p.m. \$12 general. Caf  Rumba in the Caf  Lobby, March 16, 3:30 p.m.
"Children's Songs For Peace and a Better World," featuring Brett Dennen, March 16, 5:30 p.m. A benefit CD release party for The Mosaic Project, a non-profit outdoor school uniting diverse children for a better world \$5 to \$15
"Palenque," March 20, 7:30 p.m. A night of Cuban music \$10
3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org
924 GILMAN ST. — Dispensing of False Halos, Yunko, March 9, 5 p.m. Atom and His Package, Dominatrix, Sassy Stories, The Haggard, The Sky Flakes, March 14
The Fishes, Sharp Knife, R&R Adventure Kids, Panty Raid, Jewdriver, March 15
To See You Broken, March 21
Good Clean Fun, Affront, The Reputation, The Insurgent, The Perfect Hate Letter, March 22
PGMG, Hint Hint, Cobra High, March 23, 5 p.m.
Most shows are \$5 and start at 8 p.m.
924 Gilman St., Berkeley 510-525-9926

STARRY PLOUGH PUB — Redmeat, Calamity and Main, Scott Miller, March 14, \$7.
Blue on Green, The Wild Hunt (formerly Green Man Gruv), Sgian Dhu, March 15, \$6
"St. Patty's Day Celebration," March 17, 6 p.m. \$7
Jethro Jeremiah, Josh Fix and the Furiosos, Brian Kenney Fresno, March 20, 9:30 p.m. \$5
She Mob, Ramona the Pest, Ultraish, March 21, 9:30 \$6
Extreme Elvis, 86, Carne Bradley, March 22, 9:30 p.m. \$6
For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted, Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-841-2082

YOSHIS — Frank Morgan and Sonny Fortune, March 13 through March 16, \$9 to \$22
Murasaki Ensemble, March 17, Japanese-inspired jazz \$10.
Charles Lloyd Quartet featuring Gen Ables, March 18 through March 23, Tuesday through Thursday, 8 p.m., \$20 and 10 p.m., \$10; Friday, 8 p.m., \$24 and 10 p.m., \$12; Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., \$24; Sunday, 2 p.m., \$20 general.
Sunday Children's Matinee: \$18 general; \$10 adult with one child, \$5 children. Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland, 510-238-9200 or www.yoshis.com or www.tickets.com.

CLASSICAL MUSIC
AMERICAN BAROQUE — "Loose Canons," March 16, 5 p.m. J.S. Bach's "Goldberg Canons" is presented in the context of cutting edge music by Bay Area composers. The event is part of a live webcast at www.imusicast.com
Free, 5429 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, 510-653-8420 or www.american-baroque.org
BAROQUE CHORAL GUILD — "There is Sweet Music: The English Choral Tradition Then and Now," March 16, 7:30 p.m. An a cappella concert highlighting the works of 13 British composers, including Purcell, Byrd, Elgar, Williams and Britten
\$22 general; \$17 students and seniors. First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 650-9345-4095 or www.bcg.org
CALIFORNIA BACH SOCIETY — "Lasso: Mass for the Feast of Annun-

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Reviews

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brighter, and the leap into computer animation allows for some terrific images. Our hero, Mowgli (voiced by Haley Joel Osment), is living in the man village. He has plenty of friends, but longs for his carefree jungle days. Baloo (John Goodman), his beloved papa bear, feels the same and pays Mowgli a visit. Mowgli's real dilemma is the tug between past and present. "The Jungle Book 2" is aimed at younger kids, but, as always, the Disney folks put in some jokes aimed at their parents. — C. Dolen. (G) 1 hour, 15 minutes. B+

"KANGAROO JACK": Roll over, Tupac, here comes a rapping kangaroo. Charlie (Jerry O'Connell) and Louis (Anthony Anderson), two young guys from Brooklyn, end up in the Australian Outback when they accidentally infuriate Charlie's scary mob-boss stepfather, Sal (Christopher Walken). To try to get back into Sal's good graces, they attempt to deliver \$50,000 to an Aussie mobster. But on their way to make the drop, their Jeep hits a kangaroo who revives and hops off with Sal's money. As Charlie and Louis pursue the marsupial, Charlie begins to hallucinate Kangaroo Jack rappin'. The kangaroo featured on the film's poster gives it a family-friendly appearance, but a combination of scatological humor, gunplay and sexual references should put it off limits to many kids. — J. Boyar. (PG; language, crude humor, sensuality, violence.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. F

"THE LIFE OF DAVID GALE": Director Alan Parker has overwhelmed this mystery thriller with a sermon about the death penalty that is obvious and smug. Kevin Spacey is the title character, a hot-headed Texas philosophy professor and outspoken death penalty abolitionist on death row for murdering a fellow activist. He's at the end of his appeals, days from execution, when he decides to tell his story to magazine writer Blaise Bloom (Kate Winslet). The death penalty is an issue that deserves to be on the front burner of the national debate, but "David Gale" is neither the proper forum nor the winning argument that its makers suppose it to be. — R. Moore. (R: violent images, nudity, language and sexuality.) 2 hour, 10 minutes. C-

"THE LION KING", IMAX: The Disney animated classic comes to the very big screen, but since everybody's seen it, who will go? Still, the colors are brighter than ever, and the soundtrack is a knockout, especially the orchestral arrangements of Elton John compositions. — R. Butler. (G) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B

"THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS": The second installment of director Peter Jackson's big-screen adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's great trilogy is as intoxicating as last year's "Fellowship." Jackson expertly weaves together three distinct journeys, taking as his centerpiece a scene to which Tolkien devoted only a dozen or so pages — the battle to defend Helm's Deep. It's a fantastic choice, one of the most thrilling battle scenes ever filmed. The special effects, most notably the computer-generated creature Gollum (voice and movements by Andy Serkis) are nifty, with the unfortunate exception of the Ents, who look a bit too much like Gumbys. — M. Pols. (PG-13: epic battle sequences and scary images.) 2 hours, 59 minutes. A-

"NICHOLAS NICKLEBY": Writer/director Douglas McGrath's heavily abridged version of Charles Dickens' classic moves with the unnatural briskness of someone who ingested bad Hunan shrimp at lunch. Characters bat on- and offscreen, solve each other's problems well before

teatime, and drop dead with great efficiency. This isn't just the Cliffs Notes version of "Nicholas Nickleby," it's the Cliffs Notes with pages missing. McGrath ("Emma") has managed to cram some awfully sweet stuff into 132 minutes of screen time, however, and the movie is beautifully produced and acted by the likes of Christopher Plummer, Jim Broadbent, Tom Courtenay and Juliet Stevenson. — M. Pols. (PG: thematic material involving some violent action and a childbirth scene.) 2 hours, 12 minutes. B-

"OLD SCHOOL": Rude, crude and God help me, pretty funny. Whipped yuppie husbands everywhere throw off the shackles of weekend trips to Home Depot and enjoy the tomfoolery of this raucous tale of grown men chafing against the responsibilities of adulthood and marriage. It peters out, as so many comedies do, but not before delivering some inspired bits, including the glorious sight of Vince Vaughn strapped into a Baby Bino. With Luke Wilson and the hilarious Will Ferrell. — M. Pols. (R: strong sexual content, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. B

"THE PIANIST": This restrained yet emotionally ruinous film set in Warsaw during the Nazi occupation marks a triumphant return for director Roman Polanski. Thanks to his celebrity, Polish pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman (Adrian Brody) is spared from the concentration camps, spending the next two years relying on the kindness of strangers, at times quite literally a prisoner, isolated and locked into abandoned apartments, visited only occasionally by Resistance members. His very endurance is heroic. Having given us spine-tingling nightmares of the imagination in the past ("Rosemary's Baby" "Repulsion"), this time Polanski lets reality give this movie its quiet, straightforward power. Be prepared to cry, but know too that the movie is worth the anguish it generates. — M. Pols. (R: violence and brief strong language.) 2 hours, 28 minutes. A

"THE QUIET AMERICAN": Michael Caine gives the richest performance of his career in this sage and provocative film adaptation of Graham Greene's scarily prescient 1955 novel. He plays Thomas Fowler, a lazy, dissipated London Times journalist stationed in Saigon during the French-Indochina war. He loves Vietnam and his young girlfriend, Phuong (Do Thi Hai Yen). Then along comes the quiet American, Alden Pyle (Brendan Fraser), who wants to put everything to rights in Vietnam and then go home with Fowler's girl. What unfolds makes you wonder if Greene unlocked the secrets to time travel in the 1950s. This movie has been released in limited theaters, supposedly because it's feared audiences will find it anti-American and stay away. Pshaw. Let's hope we as a nation are not really so paranoid about revisiting our past mistakes. — M. Pols. (R: violent images and some language.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. A-

"RABBIT PROOF FENCE": A compelling true tale that marks director Phillip Noyce's return to his Australian homeland after 15 years in Hollywood. A beautiful, taut drama that examines both the strengths and weaknesses of humankind through the story of young Aboriginal girls taken from their homes to become servants. — S. Rea. (PG) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B+

"THE RECRUIT": Al Pacino in hack mode, shouting and spitting his way through the role of CIA recruiter who may or may not be a good guy. Colin Farrell plays his latest recruit, an idealist looking for both a career and an opportunity to find out the

truth about his father, who may have been an agent himself. Bridget Moynahan plays Farrell's love interest. There's a nice sense of urgency to Farrell's performance, but the script lacks the punch to keep us guessing and by the end, Pacino has turned into a big bore. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, sexuality and language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C+

"RUSSIAN ARK": A film, an experiment in human precision, a vast theatrical production, a history lesson, an art appreciation class and a form of hallucinogen so potent, the DEA might want to pull a man or two out of Humboldt County to investigate. What more do you want? Shot in a single take, director Alexander Sokorov's movie is a relentlessly beautiful dream, a time-traveling tour through Russian history, set within the Hermitage museum in St. Petersburg. Some aspects of it are mysterious, others confusing. But don't be intimidated by what you don't know about Russian history; just take what you can from this heady, profoundly philosophical movie. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 36 minutes. A

"SHANGHAI KNIGHTS": Jackie Chan is our modern-day Fred Astaire, a fleet-footed, exquisitely graceful martial arts master. Like Astaire, Chan has vast skills, but they're so specific that they require their own framework for display. But the muddled and witless "Shanghai Knights," in which Chan plays a Western sheriff doing the fish-out-of-water routine in Victorian England, is a sad reminder that his talent is doomed to be peddled over and over again in the dumb action-comedy showcase, with little deviation. Even the generally delightful Owen Wilson misfires in this oafish, mean-spirited sequel to "Shanghai Noon." — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence and sexual content.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. D+

"TALK TO HER": Pedro Almodovar has created a tragic comedy about need; both its liberating and shackling powers. Benigno (Javier Camara) is a nurse who sits patiently at the side of his unconscious girlfriend, Alicia (Leonor Watling), attending to her needs. Marco (Dario Grandinetti) ministers to his own girlfriend, Lydia (Rosario Flores), who is also in a coma. It is revealed that Benigno is an obsessive with no real ties to Alicia; she has become his after falling into unconsciousness, and the depth of his devotion becomes both a love story and a horror story. By the end, Almodovar flips the script and demands not just sympathy but also empathy for someone you wouldn't think deserved it. It's a movie about being trapped in various kinds of prisons: spiritual, physical and finally literal. — E. Mitchell. (R) 1 hour, 52 minutes. B

"25TH HOUR": Tragedy inspires art as Spike Lee directs an absorbing, smart movie set in the landscape of a post-Sept. 11 New York City. Edward Norton plays Monty, a nice Irish-Catholic boy from the wrong side of the tracks who started dealing drugs to get ahead way back in high school and never stopped. But the law has caught up with him, and Monty is headed to jail for seven years. In his last day, he tries to settle some scores and catch up with old friends, a sharp stockbroker (Barry Pepper) and sad-sack schoolteacher (Philip Seymour Hoffman, brilliant as usual). Norton sometimes sounds as if he's giving a monologue when he's actually opposite actors, but otherwise, the acting is top-notch through this drama. Lee's best movie in years. — M. Pols. (R: strong language, some violence.) 2 hours, 14 minutes. B+

also composed the score.

Certain times and dates are 8 p.m. March 21 and 22; 2 p.m. March 23; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 29, and 2 p.m. March 30.

The story: Two kids and their eccentric grandma, accompanied by an inept pirate sidekick, travel through some magical lands where they encounter the elements in the play's title. Earth, Air, Water and Fire teach them the importance of nature and the need to protect the environment.

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Tickets are \$8 general; \$5 for seniors and students. Purchase at the door. Group rates available by calling 510-235-7800, ext. 4274.

SPOOKY 'CINDERELLA': "Cinderella Waltz," Don Nigro's fairy tale for adults, opens March 28 at the Masquers Playhouse, 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. Michael Haven directs this version, which differs from the familiar one about the poor little slavey doing the glass slipper number with Prince Charming.

Rosy Snow is trapped in a fairy tale world inhabited by the usual stepmothers, plus a demoted stepmother, a lecherous father, a bewildered prince, a fairy godmother who sings salty old sailor songs, a troll and a possibly homicidal village idiot, according to the Samuel French catalog of plays.

Funny and a tad scary, it blends farce with romantic fantasy to explore the ancient, dark archetypal origins of the gentler, aw-poor-baby version crafted by the Brothers Grimm. Shall we say, it's grimmer?

"Cinderella Waltz" will play at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through May 3, with Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. on April 6, 13 and 27. All seats are \$13. Call 510-232-4031.

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Next weekend, March 21-23,

at the same times, the ensemble presents "Arsenic and Old Lace" by Joseph Kesselring.


"The Glass Menagerie" is directed by senior Melia Tichenor and junior Kirsten Haller. "Arsenic and Old Lace" is directed by senior Alex Phillips.

Both shows are produced by senior Sophia Tuttle and supervised by arts teacher Sarah Samonsky.

Tickets, \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors, are available at the box office or in advance at Albany High School's Little Theater, 603 Key Route Blvd., Albany. Reservations and details are available at theaterensemble@hotmail.com.

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■ **The Commonwealth Club of California** presents Strobe Talbot, president, The Brookings Institution; former Deputy Secretary of State and Journalist in conversation with Mark Danner, UC Berkeley journalism professor, and Peter Tarnoff, Undersecretary of State in the Clinton administration at 7:30 p.m. March 17, at the Sibley Auditorium, UC Berkeley. The discussion is free. Call Riki Ratner, public relations director, 415-597-6712 or Nicole Grant, public relations associate, 415-597-6719.

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■ **Berkeley Art Museum**, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Details: 642-0808.

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Dina Marian Erickson

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Dina Marian Erickson passed away after a long illness on March 3rd, 2003. Marian emigrated from Sweden with her parents in 1927. They settled on a farm in the pioneering community of Polworth Saskatchewan where she helped her father with farm work. As a young woman she moved to Victoria British Columbia and began her career in sales by working in a ladies garment store. She married Chester Erickson in 1942, whom she had met in Saskatchewan. Chet served in the American Medical Regiment and later Chet and Marian moved to California. Marian and Chet opened and operated California Causal Furniture in El Cerrito from the late 1940's to the middle 1980's. Chet did custom upholstery. Marian was highly regarded for her interior design skills. Marian was active in the local business community and was a member of the Soroptimist club and a past president of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

When Marian became ill she moved to Minden, Nevada and was cared for by her son Kenneth Erickson. She is survived by her daughter Melene Smith and son in law Geoff Smith of San Jose and by her son Kenneth Erickson of Kirkwood, sister Anna Martin of Vancouver, cousin Eloy Granberg of Richmond and nieces and nephews. Marian cherished her family and friends in Sweden, Canada and California and will be missed by all.

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Section D

MERYL JENSEN
Down the Road

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MOTOR MATTERS
Many parents are making a
very deadly mistake by ne-
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comes to their children's safety in

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children.

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in a vehicle without be-
ing a booster seat, warns Dr.

Winston, director of Trau-
matic Injury Research at the

Children's Hospital of

Link operates Partners

Passenger Safety — a

research project that

how and why children are

in motor vehicle

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to help parents set pri-
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things are not," said

a pediatrician, biome-
chanical engineer and mother of

has to be the number one

Winston said, since motor

crashes are the leading

death among children 4

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MOTOR MATTERS

ACURA ESTIMATES that 70 percent of TSX buyers will opt for the quick responding automatic transmission with Sequential SportShift, which achieves slightly better fuel economy than the standard manual.

Acura comes up with all-new sports sedan in 2004 TSX

MOTOR MATTERS

The 2004 TSX is the latest sports sedan geared toward the driving enthusiast. Acura built this one for the buyer who wants out of the coupe market.

With the all-new TSX, Acura is filling a void in its lineup and looking to recapture drivers who have gone to other carmakers for a sports sedan.

The styling of the TSX is eye-pleasing. Along the hood, scalloped lines gracefully stream down the front, and bulging fenders give the sedan some muscle.

A short rear overhang suggests sportiness, and chrome-trimmed door handles dress up the exterior.

Powering this mid-size sports sedan is a 2.4-liter, four-cylinder engine. It produces 200 horsepower at 6,800 rpm and 166 pound-feet of torque at 4,500 rpm.

Acura says the engine's output can be compared to some six-cylinder powerplants.

This performance is accomplished through the automaker's i-VTEC technology which varies the valve lift, letting the engine develop powerful low-end torque and also

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provides improved fuel efficiency and emissions.

The TSX comes standard with a six-speed manual transmission and 17-inch wheels and Michelin tires. A five-speed automatic transmission with Sequential SportShift is optional.

Acura estimates that 70 percent of TSX buyers will opt for the quick

responding automatic, which achieves slightly better fuel economy than the manual.

EPA ratings on the manual are 21 miles per gallon city and 29 mpg highway, while the automatic achieves 22 mpg city and 31 mpg highway.

On my test-drive of the TSX with the all-new, six-speed manual transmission I enjoyed shifting through the gears more than I thought I would. Before entering the vehicle, I was told the manual transmission had short shifts for a sportier feel.

As a matter of preference, I'm

not crazy about short shift throws because they can be too hard and tight for my taste. However, the short throws through each of the six gears were smooth and effort-less.

The front-wheel drive TSX hugs the road and corners well. I felt confident in tight cornering maneuvers, braking and accelerating.

The TSX has a drive-by-wire throttle control system which improves acceleration to specific driving conditions. The throttle and the

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Desire for Studebaker put on hold for 40 years

MOTOR MATTERS

Money was in short supply in the mid-1960s for teen-ager Randy Denchfield. The young high school student had just acquired his driver's license and was anxious for his first set of wheels.

He wanted something with style, yet he had to be budget-conscious. A mid-1950s Studebaker coupe seemed to fit the bill, offering the most car for the money.

"They all had a great look and were affordable," Denchfield remembers.

Robert Bourke, chief designer of Raymond Loewy Studios, actually was responsible for the stunning design. It was hurriedly designed as a special show car. Instead, the Studebaker proved to be so desirable it was put into production.

While the search for a good, used Studebaker progressed, Denchfield learned that his older brother, Richard, was about to trade in his 1962 Chevrolet Impala convertible on a new Oldsmobile.

The brothers worked out a deal and Denchfield's first car was that Chevrolet, and he put the desire for a Studebaker temporarily on hold. Within a couple of years Denchfield received orders from his draft board. After a stint in the military, he found himself making other plans.

Finally, early in 2002, Denchfield's long-dormant dream was rekindled when he saw an ad offering a 1955 Studebaker Champion coupe for sale.

The sleek, light-yellow Studebaker had hardly been driven in the last dozen years after undergoing a professional restoration in Richmond, Va. "I've been wanting one since 1966," Denchfield comments. He bought the Studebaker last February.

Although the aerodynamic Studebaker

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is about 7 inches lower than other 1955 cars, it is surprisingly spacious inside. The 6-foot, 2-inch owner is comfortable in either the front or rear seat.

Denchfield decided to drive his new-found prize the 40 miles home to Maryland, over the objections and warnings of the previous owner.

He cautioned Denchfield that the road-worthiness of the coupe was untested as it had spent the past decade as a show car. "What could go wrong in 40 miles?" Denchfield asked rhetorically.

Denchfield's enthusiasm couldn't be dampened and he settled himself behind the steering wheel on the fabric-covered seat and, with the help of a jump-start, fired up the eager 185-cubic-inch, six-cylinder engine.

He noticed that the temperature gauge was not functioning and made a mental note to address that problem later. Power from the 101-horsepower engine is channeled to the rear wheels via an optional automatic transmission.

Denchfield, thoroughly enjoyed his drive home in the clear wintry weather, on the lengthy 120-inch wheelbase supported by 15-inch white sidewall Allstate tires.

He was on a divided six-lane highway when he noticed moisture on the windshield. "You know that you're in trouble when you see antifreeze on the windshield," Denchfield said.

He quickly got off the highway and drove straight to a friend's nearby house.



THIS 1955 STUDEBAKER coupe spent many years as a show car before present owner bought it. The radiator leak

No one was home. After locating a garden hose, and with the engine still running, he gave the overheated engine a drink of cooling water.

With the temperature once more under control, an investigation by Denchfield revealed a hole in the radiator. He had hoped for a faulty hose or clamp. Unfortunately, the car completed the trip home on the back of a truck.

Following the installation of a new radiator and a working temperature gauge, the problem was solved.

The 2,790-pound coupe is equipped with turn signals, heater, AM radio and fresh air vents on the sides of the front fenders.

With a nod to the 110-mph speedometer, he said, "That's funny." However, Denchfield remarks, "It'll do more than 70 it goes just fine at 55 to 60."

When new, the Studebaker price of \$1,875, quite a bit compared with the competition Chevrolet and Plymouth.

"It has been called the car of the 1950s," Denchfield concurs with that observation.

"It's a really neat car and a lot of fun with it," Denchfield

Ignition timing, bulb mix-ups and purpose of strut bearings confound readers

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Q I have an ongoing debate with my brother about how often it's necessary to check ignition timing.

He says never, but I say each time a major service is done. Who's right?

Paul Contara, San Francisco

A Correct initial ignition timing and timing advance are very important for optimum engine performance, fuel economy and emissions reduction.

Older vehicles with contact point ignition systems were prone to substantial timing variations as a result of wear and/or point misadjustment.

A timing check/adjustment is mandatory each time a tuneup is performed (every 12,000-15,000 miles).

Electronic ignition systems, introduced in the mid-to late 1970s, virtually eliminated timing drift, although the mechanical methods used to control spark advance can cause an occasional problem.

BRAD BERGHOLDT Auto QnA

By the mid-to late '80s, electronic spark advance systems eliminated virtually all timing concerns — after the base timing is properly set.

Recent distributorless ignitions systems put this issue fully to bed, as there is no longer a timing adjustment provision other than a possible software update.

Some manufacturers call for a timing inspection of adjustable-timing vehicles as often as every 30,000 miles, some at 60,000, and others make no recommendation at all.

For those with adjustable timing, symptoms of retarded timing include sluggish performance, poor fuel economy and excessive exhaust temperature.

Advanced timing can cause engine ping, engine damage and/or an emissions test failure.

Q I recently noticed the front parking lights of my '86 pickup come on whenever I press on the brake pedal.

I checked all the fuses, thinking it might be a back-feed, but they're all OK. Any ideas?

Ron Tedesco, Cupertino, Calif.

A This should be an easy one. Was one of your rear tail/brake light bulbs recently replaced? If so, it might be of the wrong type (1156 instead of a 1157), or the bulb is misinserted into the socket.

Many vehicles use two-filament bulbs for tail (parking) and brake illumination, and a bulb mix-up can cause the two circuits to be inadvertently joined.

Q I recently had new struts installed on the front of my Toyota. I was charged for new "strut bearings."

If asked in advance, repair shops are obligated to and return replaced parts. An explanation of the purpose, condition, and reason for replacement would have eased the concern.

What are these and why were they needed? Seems a little fishy to me.

Sandra Collins, Huntsville, Ala.

A MacPherson struts, when used on the front of a vehicle, perform several jobs.

The slender tube, generally surrounded by a coil spring, serves as an upper control arm and shock absorber.

The strut assembly must rotate as the wheels are turned, hence the need for a strut bearing.

This part can deteriorate, causing rough or noisy steering, and is frequently replaced

along with the upper strut bearing and bumper during strut service.

If asked in advance, repair shops are obligated to return replaced parts.

An explanation of the part's condition, and reason for replacement would have eased your concern.

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engine communicate easily about how to perform based on road grades: with more throttle gain on the uphills and less on the

downhills.

The sports sedan is built with a rigid body structure. It has a track-tuned, four-wheel independent suspension; a quick-ratio rack-and-pinion steering wheel; sporty, deeply bolstered bucket seats; and comes standard with Vehicle Stability Assist.

Xenon High Intensity Discharge head-

lights, dual-zone automatic climate control, a power moonroof, eight-way power driver's seat and a 360-watt sound system are all standard features in the TSX.

The vehicle is expected to be priced around \$28,000 when it goes on sale in April.

In addition to the automatic transmission, the only other option is the Acura Navigation system, featuring a new 8-inch touch screen.

The TSX is constructed with omnidirectional crash safety features so that oc-

cupants are protected in head-on, offset frontal and side-impact collisions.

The TSX is the first Acura to come standard with side-curtain airbags to protect from head and neck injuries.

The front passenger's seat-mounted side airbag uses seven sensors to determine if a child or adult is in the seat to regulate the force of deployment.

Acura now encompasses a comprehensive line of luxury cars, enough to attract new drivers to the brand.

2004 ACURA TSX

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger FWD sports sedan
Estimated Retail	\$28,000
Engine Type	DOHC 16-valve, 2.4-liter four-cylinder w/PGM-FI
Horsepower	200 at 6,800 rpm
Torque	166 at 4,500 rpm
Transmission	Six-speed manual
Wheelbase	105 inches
Turning Circle	(curb-to-curb) 40 feet
Curb Weight	3,230 pounds
Fuel Capacity	17 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 21/29
Strong Feature	New Acura entry
Weak Feature	Nothing worth mentioning

Shock absorbers help with car's safety

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If you're ever in a driving situation where sudden braking or a sharp evasive maneuver save you from a collision, perhaps you should thank your shock absorbers and/or struts for helping to ensure your safety.

That's right, shocks and struts play critical roles in your vehicle's ability to deliver precise steering response, maximum stopping power and road-holding stability in a broad range of driving situations. To the surprise of many consumers, improving passenger comfort-through the dampening of road-induced noise and vibration is not the only role of today's shocks and struts.

"Most vehicle owners understand that tires and brakes are key to a vehicle's steering, stopping and stability, and they've traditionally associated shocks and struts with driving comfort. The truth is that tires, brakes and shocks or struts work together as a complete chassis system," said Mark Christiaanse, director of marketing-ride control for Tenneco Automotive, manufacturer of Monroe shocks and struts.

"If even one shock or strut is worn, the tires and brakes may not be able to deliver the margin of safety you need in certain situations."

This chassis system is known within the automotive industry as the "Safety Triangle," a name representing not only the tires, brakes and shocks/struts but the three key safety-related handling characteristics — steering, stopping and stability. Thousands of vehicle service shops now include Safety Triangle inspections as recommended safety checks.

"The inspection takes just a few minutes but it requires professional skills and equipment," Christiaanse said. "We strongly

recommend that vehicle owners have a Safety Triangle inspection performed every 12,000 miles to ensure that their tires, brake system and shocks or struts are performing to the vehicle manufacturer's specifications."

The primary role of shock absorbers and struts is to hold the tires against the road. This is particularly important when a vehicle hits a bump or pothole because the impact causes the wheels to rebound away from the road surface. By absorbing the energy of these impacts, shocks and struts help minimize traction loss.

The importance of fully operable shocks and struts can be seen in the results of vehicle handling research certified by the United States Auto Club.

A series of safety tests conducted with some popular U.S. automobiles showed that vehicles equipped with three new shocks and one 50 percent degraded shock required an average of four percent more time and almost six percent greater distance to brake from 60 to zero miles per hour when compared with similar vehicles with new replacement shocks. (Testing was conducted on a dry, bumpy road surface.)

Vehicles capable of performing this test at higher speeds have a wider "safety envelope" and are less likely to spin, lose control or exit the roadway in situations when sudden evasive action is required.

Tenneco Automotive has launched an international consumer education program that includes Safety Triangle inspections through more than 10,000 qualified service dealers. To find the nearest participating business, use the dealer locator feature on the company's www.monroe.com Web site.

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der belts are properly positioned across a child's chest and hips.

Without booster seats, children are uncomfortable with the shoulder belt rubbing their neck and often compensate by tucking the shoulder belt behind their back or under their arm, leaving their upper bodies unrestrained.

During a 35 mph crash, this will allow a child's head to fly forward with enough force to hit the seat-back. Having the lap belt across the belly can result in spinal cord and abdominal injuries.

One study Winston conducted

showed that children improperly restrained by adult seat belts are four times more likely to have serious head injuries and are 3.5 times more likely to suffer significant injury in crashes than children properly restrained.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that children who have outgrown their car seats use booster seats until the vehicle's shoulder and lap belts fit correctly — usually when a child is about 80 pounds, 4 feet 9 inches and at least 8 years old.

Winston's most recent study, which was based on focus group interviews looked at why parents don't use these booster seats.

Some didn't know what belt-positioning booster seats were. Others were surprised at how long children should continue to use them, or thought booster seats didn't serve a safety purpose.

One parent in the focus group said: "To be honest, I never really got it. It just boosts them up — it's not as good as a car seat."

Other parents insisted they were safe drivers or drove safe cars and

were not likely to be involved in a crash. If they were to be involved in a crash, they felt confident that using the seat belt would protect their child.

Another reason parents didn't use booster seats is that they look to state laws for guidance. However, most state laws require only that children up to age 4 be restrained in a child safety seat and after that use a seat belt. Although laws are improving — about 13 states have booster seat laws in effect — it's best to follow the NHTSA and AAP recommendations. Winston said. (California law is 6 years or 60 pounds.)

One key difference the study found between parents who use booster seats and those who did not was their parenting style and what was negotiable.

Parents who used booster seats made it nonnegotiable. One parent commented: "It could be their life. Getting a bath or not is not going to hurt them."

Winston thinks this attitude is key for parents: Pick your battles and limit them to the most important, which include keeping your children safe when on the road.

Child safety seat talks is a big hit

ANDRO BODIPO- MEMBA

Every year, it's a company introduces a new child safety seat. The Society of Automotive Engineers World Congress impresses visitors with exhibits as much as the new seat designs.

At the annual congress, one particular notice is a talk about a new seat developed by a time exhibitor.

Lenox Baby Products, a national garage start-up in Dunellon, Fla., is off its high-tech car seat. It tells the driver if the child is buckled in properly or not to top over.

The Tale was developed by a result of industry research suggests child seats don't properly by cover much as 90 percent of the time.

Barnes, founder and CEO of New Lenox, said he's been with the idea 11 years. His wife and daughter are in a tender bender in.

daughter was just a toddler sitting in the child seat. My wife had to slam brakes to avoid someonesaid. "We thought it was installed correctly, but it wasn't, and my 4-year pitched forward dashboard."

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Mustang Mach 1 is a salute to the past

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of us old enough to remember a few cars likely never kept it" some- the first.

reflection: "Man, I re- when I bought that new mobile. Great car. Best Can't believe I sold it!"

a lot of those on my isn't it, how time my memories of horri- tage, a rough ride, mechanical problems?

and memories of my Corvette, but if I can re- enough, I can re- the radio stuck — classical mu- when the switch in- sion that prevented m starting the car in- back, and prevented y the car in any gear.

ough my 1970 Ford Mach 1 did not have rning, and had only (no), I can't think of any- about the car.

one thing: A rod that to the clutch pedal r then.

the clutch in to shift, ould break, the clutch A to go straight to the a honning! sound, ear would be stuck in gear it was in.

ch rods were cheap and one wrench to re- pl some rods and a the glove box.

ter used the Mach 1 for the 1969 Mus- the 1970 model was looking, if I do say so

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2003 Toyota Highlander suited for most SUV drivers

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Highlander is the most recent model in Toyota's quintet of sport utility vehicles. It's positioned as a mid-size SUV — north of the compact RAV4 and south of the full-size Sequoia — and right alongside the 4Runner.

While Highlander and 4Runner share the same category, they part company quickly in their approach. 4Runner is a truck-based SUV with off-road leanings. Its ladder frame and dual range 4x4 system suggest trips to the back country.

Highlander is a car-based SUV with available all-wheel drive. Its lighter duty chassis makes it more suited for suburban expeditions. Highlander's passenger car bent is well suited to the majority of SUV drivers, who want the look and the utility of a ute, but don't want or need off-road capability.

Front- or all-wheel drive versions are available, in four-cylinder, V6 or Limited models. My 4x4 V6 had a base MSRP of \$26,860. Highlander's chassis is a variation of the Toyota Camry's — the perennially popular mid-size car.

The four-wheel independent suspension platform has a ride that is as close to car-like as you will find in a SUV. The higher center of gravity found on Highlander gives the driver a better view of the road, but it also makes for some body lean when cornering.

In all, handling is well controlled for the breed, and bumps produce less in the way of side-to-side body bounce than you will find in many SUVs. Four-wheel disc brakes with ABS, Brake Assist and Electronic Brake-force Distribution are all standard on Highlander. Brake performance is good, albeit with a soft pedal feel.

Highlander's two engine choices include a 2.4-liter DOHC, four-cylinder and a 3.0-liter DOHC V6. The former is rated at 155 horsepower and 163 pound-feet of torque.

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The latter makes 200 hp at 5,800 rpm and 222 pound-feet of torque. Both engines are coupled exclusively to Toyota's four-speed automatic transmission.

My test vehicle was powered by the V6 which feels Camry-like in its smoothness and well matched to the four speed automatic. EPA rates Highlander's gas mileage at 18 miles per gallon city, 22 highway.

I managed 20 mpg in a mix of city and country driving — pretty good by SUV standards but painful when compared to passenger car performance. When outfitted with the optional tow package, towing capacity is rated at 3,000 pounds and 3,500 pounds respectively for the two motors.

I've not had the opportunity to drive a four-cylinder Highlander. However, the weight to power ratio of a four-cylinder with AWD suggests that around-town maneuvers would be fine, while high demand or heavy hauling situations would be better served by the V6.

As noted, Highlander makes no pretensions of being a mechanized mountain goat. Serious off-roaders will migrate across the Toyota showroom to the 4Runner. Highlander has 7.3 inches of ground clearance, and no undercarriage protection is offered.

Select an all-wheel-drive model (as roughly half of all Highlander buyers do) and the system you get splits power 50/50 front/rear under normal conditions. When one set of wheels loses traction, power is shifted to the opposite side to help maintain momentum.

My test drive took place in late winter, in conditions ranging from good old dry pavement to everything else. My experience confirms that Highlander is well



TOYOTA'S HIGHLANDER provides the comfort expected of a car-based SUV, but isn't designed for much more.

suited for the all-weather driving its buyers want it for.

The Highlander's wheelbase is stretched 4 inches longer than its corporate cousin, the Lexus RX300. The dividend pays off in terms of added rear seat passenger room and cargo capacity. There is no third row option for seating, but back seat room is generous by mid-size standards — roomy, with reclining seatbacks. Also roomy is the rear cargo area.

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Hop in the front seat, and you're face to face with a nicely laid-out display of instruments and switchgear. Everything's

within easy reach, and not too long to figure out. Visually, directions, and storage compartments of various sizes are spread throughout the interior.

Highlander's car-like, but not traditionally truck-based form, along with its proven Camry roots, should be a must-drive for anyone considering a mid-size SUV.

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
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Most gas-saving gadgets fall short of touted claims

When gasoline prices began to rise, so did motorists' concerns about fuel economy.

Not surprisingly, a jump in gas prices led to a corresponding increase in advertising for gas-saving gadgets, supported by claims about how they would help.

For years, the Federal Highway Administration has been warning consumers about the dangers of "snake oil" products. Automobile manufacturers, however, have been quick to market new products that claim to save money. But the Federal Highway Administration has warned that many of these products are "snake oil" and do not work.

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After evaluating several of these products, the EPA has found that many of them do not work. In fact, some of them can even harm your engine.

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Acura RSX makes shifting much more enjoyable

TOM KEANE

Auto Editor

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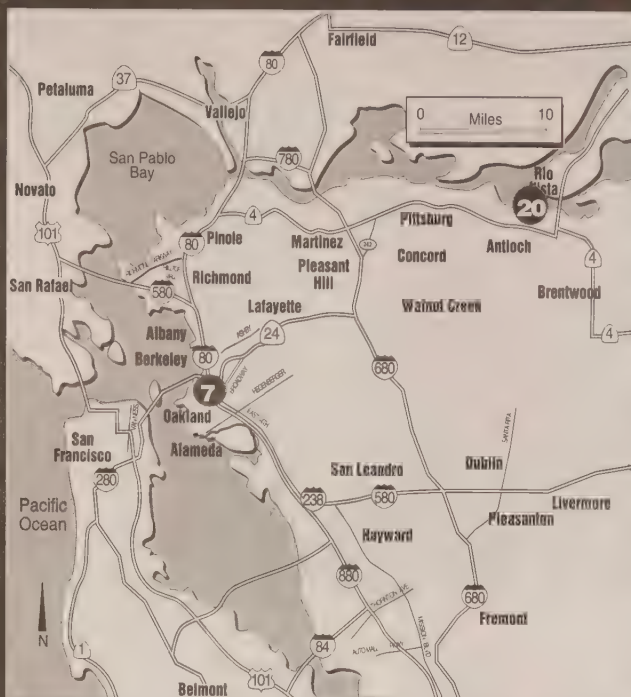
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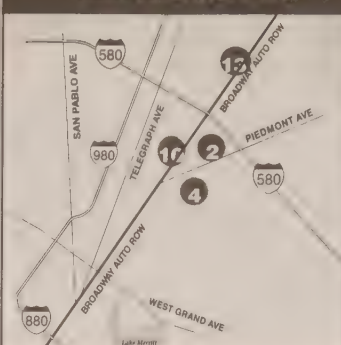
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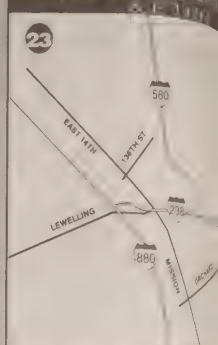
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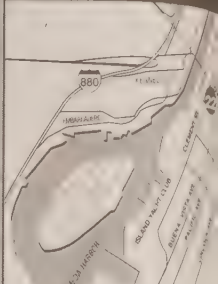
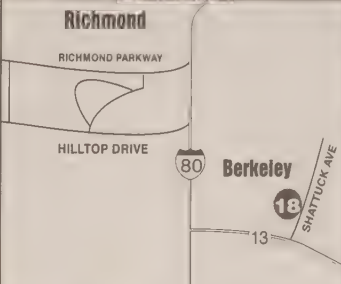
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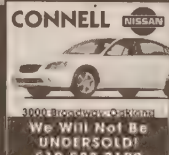
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Fridays in Lent, it's deep-fried fish

WHENE ENNA

— It's Friday night, and the banquet hall at the VFW Post 367 in Summit, Ill., is looking pretty good. The room is decorated with wood paneling and has a long table set up for a fish fry. The menu includes a variety of fish, including catfish, perch, and shrimp. The fish is deep-fried and served with a variety of sides, including french fries, coleslaw, and potato salad. The event is a popular one, and the hall is filled with people enjoying the food and the company.

the question to ask, then, is why they still work the fish fries—for tips only—after so many years. The official answer is patriotism (the Auxiliary uses the profits to pay for building improvements and community contributions). But Polanich's answer is more fun: "I'll tell you why we do it," she says. "We're crazy."

Cantigny, Ill., bartender Kay Green cheerfully adds that battle scars are part of the process. "Everybody pretty much walks away with bruises from running into each other."

Both VFW Halls see business double and triple, from 600 to more than 2,000 a night. For Lesmeister, who has to order supplies, one Friday in Lent translates to 900 pounds of catfish, 700 pounds of perch, 650 pounds of shrimp, 1,000 pounds of fries, 1,100 baked potatoes, and 500 pounds of coleslaw.

Both operations do brisk dine-in and carryout business. And despite a dwindling number of community fish fries in other parts of Chicago, demand at these two posts hasn't diminished. Summit's VFW hired a professional company, including three chefs who run the fish fry and an extensive catering operation.

The Joliet VFW, which stages its fish fry in the downstairs "Underground Lounge," still has its loyal crew of volunteers from the Ladies Auxiliary. Taste the tender whitefish and you'll know why the lines are long.

But manager Debbi Hass proudly points to her wine list, an offering of "red heads" and "blondes" in glasses and bottles.

This may be the only VFW fish fry in memory where waitresses recommend the breaded perch with "a nice shiraz."

The prices are hard to beat. A fish dinner, which includes salad, bread, baked potato or fries, will set you back \$6 to \$8. The drinks are cheap too: A draft beer in Joliet is 75 cents, \$1.25 in Summit. But it's not just about inexpensive food (though who

would argue with that?).

"There's a camaraderie that can't be beat," Hass says.

Granted, the crowds lean toward Golden Agers, though everyone is welcome and more families (especially parents with noisy kids) are discovering how ideal these places can be.

What the crowds lack in trendiness, they make up for in staying power.

In Summit, Mary Ann O'Connor is a 20-year veteran (to use the term figuratively) who invited her friend, Besse Zych of Chicago, one Lenten Friday in 1990. Zych is now a 13-year regular. In 1995, Rich and Marie Rozewski of North Riverside, Ill., happened to sit down at Mary Ann and Besse's table; the four have been sitting together ever since.

It's that kind of crowd.

Why Friday? Why fish?

Most histories of the Friday night fish fry (and there aren't many) credit Catholics, who historically have abstained from meat on Fridays. (Church doctrine now asks that Catholics abstain only on Ash Wednesday and Lenten Fridays.)

Jeff Hagen of Madison, Wis., has written two guidebooks on fish fries ("Fry Me to the Moon" and its sequel, "Codfather 2"), though his focus is almost exclusively Wisconsin. He makes a good case, though, that Wisconsin's German-Catholics inspired the fish fries here.

"These German immigrants came over in the 1850s, 1860s, and they would build these huge brick German Catholic churches," Hagen says. "And they'd have Friday night fish fries."

Lake Superior and Lake Michigan provided plenty of lake perch and trout—so much, in fact, that up until the 1950s, the fish at a fish fry was free.

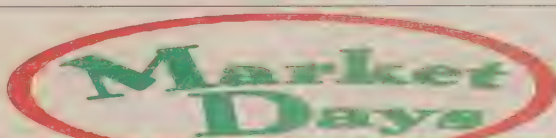
"You just paid for beer," Hagen says.



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FRIED LAKE PERCH, a staple at a fish fry, hang from a stringer.

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Maple cream candy

BY SYLVIA CARTER
NEWSDAY

It is nearly impossible to think of a candy more extravagant than this one, given the high price of maple sugar. It is slightly adapted from "The Best of Shaker Cooking" by Amy Bess Miller and Persis Miller.

MAPLE CREAMS

3 cups maple sugar
1 cup heavy cream
1/8 teaspoon salt
Butter
1 cup chopped hazelnuts or walnuts

1. Stir together sugar, cream and salt, and cook over medium-low heat until a soft ball is formed when tested in cold water, or reaches 240 degrees on a candy thermometer. Watch carefully to make sure the pot does not boil over, but do not stir.

2. Remove from heat and beat with whisk until candy is thick and loses its sheen, 1 to 2 minutes.

3. Butter an 8-by-12-inch (brownie) pan, sprinkle with the nuts, and pour maple cream over nuts, spreading out with the back of an oiled metal spoon.

4. When cool, score candy into squares, then cut when cold. Makes about 18 to 24 pieces. Store in an airtight container, with waxed paper between layers.

The perfect St. Patrick's Day festive crockpot feast

BY ELAINE MAGEE

KNIGHT RIDER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

With a last name like "Magee" you know I've got to have a couple of killer Irish recipes up my recipe doctor sleeve. I'm about to share one of my favorites with you, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. What I love about this recipe — which I just literally threw it together one fine St. Patrick's Day morning many years ago — is that it involves just four easy ingredients: corned beef with its seasoning packet, a few potatoes, a small head of cabbage and — get this! — a bottle of non-alcoholic beer.

Literally dump the corned beef, seasonings from packet and potatoes into the crockpot and pour that bottle of beer over the top. Set it on LOW and cook 8 hours or so. An hour before you want to serve it you add the shredded cabbage on top of the potatoes, cook it one more hour and you are ready to celebrate.

The one thing I do to make this dish more healthful is that I trim all visible fat from the corned beef brisket. What's left is the mostly protein, flavorful portion of the corned beef without the fat. And since we don't have any visible fat on the brisket, there is practically no fat melting into the broth — so you can happily enjoy a big spoonful of broth poured over your portion of the

corned beef, potatoes, and cabbage. Even my 9 year old daughter totally loves this dish, then again, she has an Irish last name too.

CROCKPOT CORNED BEEF, POTATOES AND CABBAGE (AND A BOTTLE OF O'DOULS)

2.5 pound boneless corned beef brisket (approximately) with seasoning packet

3 large potatoes (cut each potato into 8 pieces or chunks)

1 bottle or can (12 oz) of non-alcoholic beer

1 small head of cabbage, shredded or cut into 1/3-inch slices

■ Trim brisket of all visible fat and remove seasoning packet from brisket package.

■ Set brisket in bottom of slow cooker and sprinkle the seasonings from packet evenly over the top.

■ Spread potatoes evenly over the top of the brisket and pour the bottle of beer over the top of the potatoes. Cover the slow cooker, set it to LOW and let cook about 7 hours. After about 4-5 hours you can spoon some of the broth in the bottom of the slow cooker over the potatoes if desired.

■ About an hour before you are serving the dish (or after the 7 hours of cooking on LOW), place the shredded cabbage over the top of the



THIS RECIPE involves just four easy ingredients: corned beef with its seasoning packet, potatoes, a small head of cabbage and — get this! — a bottle of non-alcoholic beer.

potatoes, cover again, and let cook another hour or so until cabbage is just tender.

■ I like to serve this dish in individual soup dishes — with each serving getting a nice chunk of the corned beef, plenty of potatoes and cabbage and a big spoon of broth poured over the top.

Makes 4 large servings.

Elaine Magee is author of "The Recipe Doctor Cookbook" and "Tell Me What to Eat if I Have Acid Reflux." Elaine's new book, "The Flax Cookbook," is now available in book-

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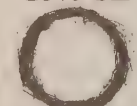


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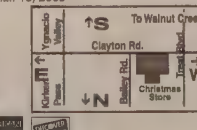
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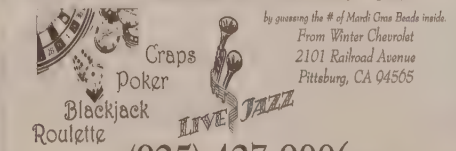
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Dinner tonight: Cheese tortellini with ham and peas

Pasta is a long-time family favorite

BY KRISTIN EDDY
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Pasta for dinner is an easy sell for the whole family, and this creamy dish will have them coming back for seconds. The peas and parsley give the white sauce needed color, but feel free to add more with multicolored tortellini.

This also is an ideal recipe for using up leftover ham, poultry, sausage or bacon.

Menu: Cheese tortellini with ham and peas, tossed spinach salad, lemon ice, Pinot grigio.

Time-saving tip: Purchase a commercial sauce, such as Alfredo, instead of making sauce from scratch.

CHEESE TORTELLINI WITH HAM AND PEAS

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 shallots, chopped
1-1/2 tablespoons flour
2 cups skim milk, whole milk or half-and-half
1 package (10 ounces) frozen peas
3/4 pound cooked ham, cubed
1/4 cup grated Parmesan

cheese
1/2 cup chopped parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
3 packages (9 ounces each) cheese tortellini

■ Heat water to boiling in large pot over medium heat. Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Add shallots to saucepan; cook 1 minute. Stir in flour; cook, stirring, 1 minute. Add milk; cook, stirring, until mixture is slightly reduced and thickened, about 10 minutes. Add peas; cook an additional 2 minutes. Stir in ham, Parmesan, parsley, salt and red pepper flakes. Turn heat off under pan.

■ Meanwhile, cook tortellini according to package directions in boiling water. Drain, reserving 1/2 cup of the cooking water. Return tortellini to pot. Pour sauce over, stirring to coat evenly. Stir in pasta water to achieve desired consistency.

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Electric deep-fryers are another option, adds Scott Johnson of Hagen's Fish Market. Many are non-stick and easy to clean. "Some of them also have temperature controls, which is a wonderful idea: Temperature is key," Johnson says.

Regular non-stick pans (as opposed to deep-fryers with specially formulated non-stick interiors) are not recommended, because many cannot withstand temperatures of 375 degrees and hotter.

■ A deep-frying or candy thermometer is important because it will accurately measure the temperature of the oil, which needs to be 365-375 degrees. If the oil isn't hot enough, the food won't brown well, if the oil burns, it ruins the dish.

■ Vegetable, canola, safflower, corn and peanut oils work best for deep-frying because they have high smoke points (i.e., they can withstand very high temperatures).

■ If at any point the oil begins to smoke, lower the heat immediately. Burned oil has to be dis-

carded, Taylor writes.

■ Use spatter guards that fit over skillets to keep mess to a minimum.

■ Long-handled tongs are the best tool for handling fish. They will keep you a safe distance from the hot oil.

■ When you're finished, cool the oil to room temperature. Taylor then pours it into an empty half-gallon juice or milk carton before discarding.

Frying tips

■ After breading fish, let it rest for 15 to 30 minutes. This drying effect helps the coating adhere to the fish, Johnson says.

■ Don't add the fish until the oil reaches the proper temperature. "You have to get your oil up to 375 degrees," Silvestri says. "You don't want to put anything into an oil that is not the proper temperature. It will brown beautifully, and it will stay moist on the inside. Three or four minutes, that's all it will take."

On that same note, you have to heat the oil back to 375 degrees with each new batch.

■ Never fill a pan more than

half-full of oil, Taylor writes: "You'll need at least 3 inches between the surface of the oil and the top of the pot to allow room for the oil to bubble up."

■ Don't crowd the fillets: There should be at least an inch of space around each fillet. If you're using a deep-fryer, don't overload the basket.

■ Drain the fish well, preferably on a wire rack on a baking sheet, but draining it on paper towels on a plate also works.

■ Between batches, remove any food particles still in the pan, Taylor writes. You don't want them to burn on the second go-round.

Fish scents

Advice abounds on how to reduce fish fumes. Here are a few tips we collected:

■ "If you have a good fan on your stove, keep it on from the time you start till about 15 minutes after you're frying," Silvestri says. To lessen odors while cooking fish, add 2 tablespoons of vinegar to 2 cups of water; simmer it in a small saucepan while the fish is cooking, according to Recipegoldmine.com.

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Discovering a wonderful new appetizer can be like striking gold. Baby artichokes, new and hot on menus and party tables all over the country, are the basis of this very easy recipe that you can put together in less than 20 minutes.

Baby artichokes are simple to prepare. After just a little trimming, they are completely edible and ready for quick cooking. This splendid appetizer features halved sautéed baby artichokes with a savory fat-free cream cheese and roasted red pepper blend.

The combination tastes rich, but won't break anyone's calorie bank. Set them out for a special dinner or party. If you've more than six to eight guests, better make a double batch—the food will disappear fast.

Baby artichokes come small—ranging from walnut- to egg-sized—because they grow farther down on the artichoke plant, in the shade of the large frond-like leaves. You'll find baby artichokes in stores now in plastic bags or in handy trays. Ocean Mist Farms' new packaging has easy preparation instructions and a recipe.

Baby artichokes, like their larger cousins, are low in calories, have no cholesterol or fat, and are low in sodium. Artichokes are nutrient-dense, so, for the 25 calories in two baby artichokes, you're getting 16

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Choosing one or more servings of fruits and vegetables every day from each of the five color groups—blue/purple, green, white, yellow/orange, is an easy way to get the health benefits eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables provides. Go "green" with baby artichokes.

For more information on Ocean Mist Farms baby artichokes, visit www.oceanmist.com. For information about 5 A Day The Color Way go to www.5aday.com and www.aboutproduce.com.

BABY ARTICHOKE WITH ROASTED RED PEPPER CREAM CHEESE

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- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil or 1 teaspoon dried basil

leaves, crushed
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Rinse baby artichokes and cook in enough boiling water to cover until just barely tender, about 3 to 5 minutes, depending on size of artichokes. Drain well. Trim stems and cut off top tips, using sharp knife or kitchen shears. Cut in half lengthwise.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add garlic and baby artichoke halves. Cook, turning occasionally, until artichokes begin to brown at edges. Lift out of skillet and drain on paper towels. Arrange on serving platter, cut side up.

In blender or food processor, blend cream cheese and red peppers or sun-dried tomatoes, basil, salt and pepper until smooth. Spoon a rounded teaspoonful onto each baby artichoke half. Garnish with small sprigs of fresh basil.

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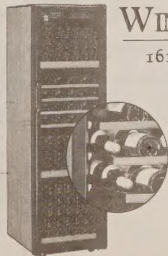
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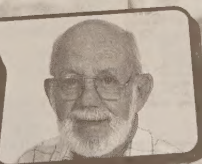
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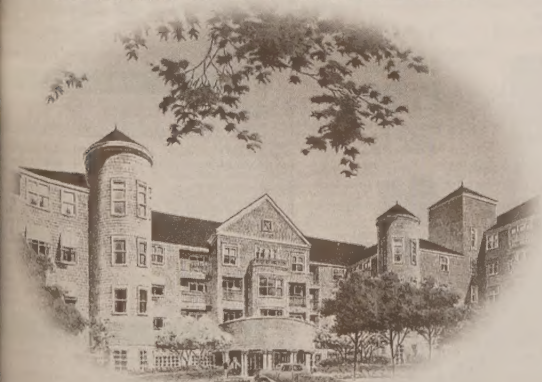
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